

Our Taxes for Torture?



Instead of "Peace with Honor," the most massive police state in the world is being constructed in Saigon. It is being built with American dollars, the most recent installment of the over \$20 *billion* given by the United States to the South Vietnamese government since 1954. More money has been given to shore up the government in Saigon than to all of Europe in the Marshall Plan.

What kind of government does our Aid money support? It supports a government that has arrested more 200,000 men, women and children for political reasons. The Saigon regime holds more political prisoners than any other government in the world, despite the relatively small population of South Vietnam. The conditions under which the political prisoners are held has caused international outcry. Prisoners, often held without charges or trials, are tortured, crippled in tiny tiger cages, denied medical care or adequate food. Many die.

The Saigon regime has also publicly admitted that it has assassinated over 50,000 civilians over the last four years for political reasons.

These facts reveal not only the dictatorial brutality of the Thieu regime but also its political isolation. A government that has the support of its people does not need tiger cages, torture and political assassination programs. A government that has the support of its people does not need to get 90% of its budget from a foreign power, as Saigon gets from the United States, in violation of the January Peace Agreement. Article IV declares that "The United States will not continue its military involvement or intervene in the internal affairs of South Vietnam." Our intervention in the internal affairs of South Vietnam consists of nothing less than continuing to impose a dictatorial government on the unwilling people of South Vietnam.

Because it is our tax dollars that support the Thieu dictatorship, it is the responsibility of the American people to reach out and establish human contact with the political prisoners and to compell Congress to *end Aid to Thieu*.

WHAT CAN WE DO?

WEAR A POLITICAL PRISONER BRACELET

Thousands of people across the country are wearing political prisoner bracelets to call attention to those who have been imprisoned by the Saigon regime. If you do not all ready have a political prisoner bracelet, order one from us. (Address on Page 4 of this brochure.)

TO HELP FREE THIEU'S POLITICAL PRISONERS

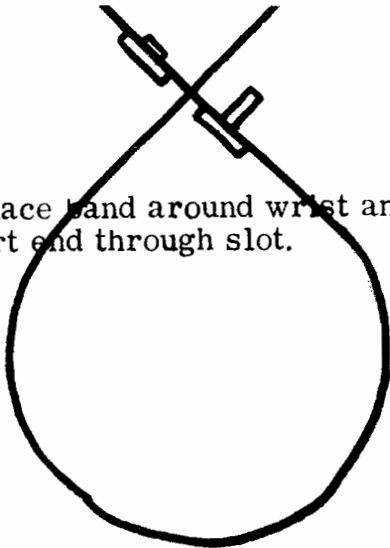
Ngo Van Dat - Student
Chi Hoa Prison

WEAR A MEDICAL I.D. BRACELET bearing the name of a political prisoner being held in southern Vietnam. Write letters to Saigon and to U.S. congresspeople inquiring about this prisoner's well-being. There is definite evidence that world-wide protest has resulted in the betterment of treatment of prisoners.

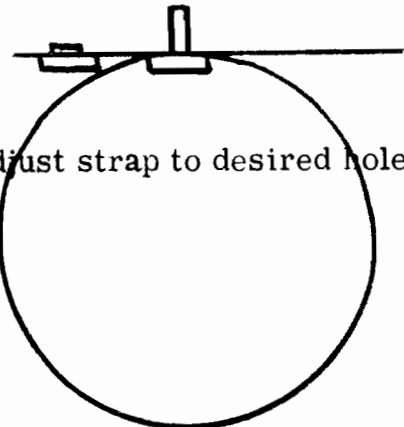
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INSTRUCTIONS

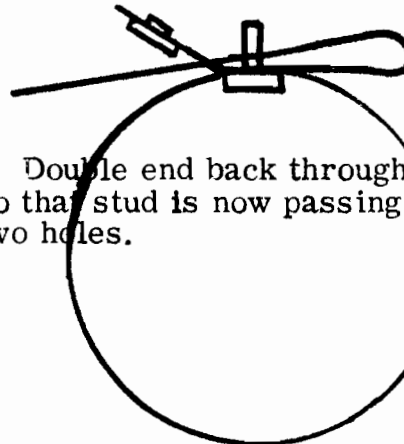
1. Place band around wrist and insert end through slot.



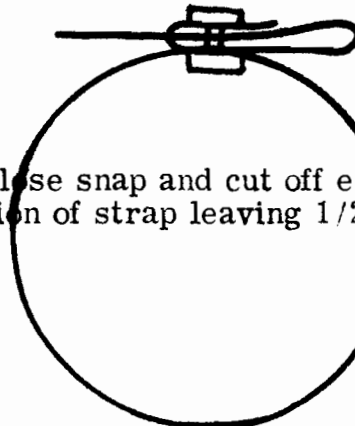
2. Adjust strap to desired hole.



3. Double end back through slot so that stud is now passing through two holes.



4. Close snap and cut off excess portion of strap leaving 1/2 inch tab.



SEND LETTERS

1. Send the following message to your prisoner. When writing your Vietnamese message, try to make all the accents correctly--they can change the meaning of the word. Airmail postage to Vietnam is 21¢.

Tôi có được biết và rất quan tâm đến tình trạng của bạn. Tôi, một người công dân Mỹ, hiện đang hoạt động ráo riết để đòi hỏi chính phủ Viet Nam công hòa và chính phủ Mỹ trao trả tự do cho các tù nhân chính trị. Tôi biết rằng bạn có quyền trao đổi thư từ và tôi hy vọng nhận được thư của bạn sớm để biết thêm về tình trạng của bạn.

Hoa Bình

TRANSLATION: *I know of and am very concerned about your condition. As an American I am working very hard to request both the Saigon administration and the U.S. government to release all civilian political prisoners. I understand that you have the right to send and receive mail; and hope you will be able to write soon and let me know how you are.*

Peace,

2. Send your congressperson a letter about your prisoner and request that he inquire of the State Department about your prisoner. Include a copy of any letter sent to your prisoner.
3. Send your Congressperson and Senator letters urging the end of aid to Thieu's government. For up-to-date, detailed information on bills facing Congress write to "Legislative Update", Coalition to Stop Funding the War, 110 Maryland Ave., N.E., Washington, D.C. 20002. 202/546-6751.
4. Write letters to the editor of local newspapers.
5. Urge the resumption of prison inspection despite restrictions by the Saigon Regime to Dr. Eric Martin, President, Comite International De La Croix-Rouge, 7, Avenue De La Paix, Geneva, Switzerland.
6. Write Kurt Waldheim, Secretary General, United Nations, New York to urge General Assembly Hearings on the South Vietnamese Political Prisoner situation.
7. Complain about the use of your tax dollars for torture in South Vietnam to Ambassador Graham A. Martin, U.S. Embassy, Saigon and to Marshall Green, Assistant Secretary of State for SE Asian & Pacific Affairs, Department of State, Washington D.C.
8. Write letters of protest about the political prisoner disaster in general to Ambassador Tran Kim Phuong, Saigon Embassy, 2251 R Street N.W., Washington, D.C. 20008.

9. Write to various South Vietnamese officials about the political prisoner situation in general (do not mention specific names unless that prisoner is internationally known).

President Nguyen Van Thieu
Dinh Doc Lap
Saigon,

Le Cong Chat
Minister of the Interior
164 Tu Do, Saigon

Col. Huynh Ngoc Diep
Political Security Dept.
164 Tu Do, Saigon

Hoang Duc Nha
Presidential Advisor
Dinh Doc Lap, Saigon

Nguyen Phu Duc
Acting Foreign Minister
Dinh Doc Lap, Saigon

Trung Tam, Prison Administrator
Cai Huan
Chi Hoa, Saigon

General Dang Van Quang
Ass't to the Pres. for the Nat'l
Security Committee
Dinh Doc Lap
Saigon, Republic of Vietnam



International pressure forced the
release of Madame Ngo Ba Thanh.
Pressure on Congress to end aid to
Thieu will release ALL the prisoners.

Join Us!

NORTH COUNTRY PEACE CAMPAIGN

North Country Peace Campaign, a project of New American Movement in Minnesota, has been fighting for more than a year to help bring peace to Indochina and America and to begin to eliminate the causes of war. Since playing a part in forcing Nixon to sign the Ceasefire Agreements last January, we have been campaigning to force Nixon to implement those accords, remove the 20,000 U.S. "civilian advisors" who have replaced U.S. troops, and cut off all U.S. aid to the Thieu regime which depends on keeping 200,000 political prisoners in jail to maintain its power. At the same time, we are leading a campaign to end the repression of popular protest, the attack on working people's standard of living, the continuation of 'secret wars', and the subversion of basic democratic rights, by demanding Nixon's impeachment.

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