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Dear Mrs. Tho,

Enclosed is copy of the report  
I prepared on the re-education  
camps. Thank you for all  
your help. I hope you and  
your husband will be together  
soon.

Cordially  
Diane Kishifai

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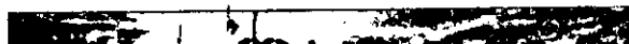
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# The hidden horror of Vietnam's camps

By Dennis Rockstroh  
Mercury News Staff Writer



Thousands still slave  
in re-education camps

# Vietnam's hidden horror

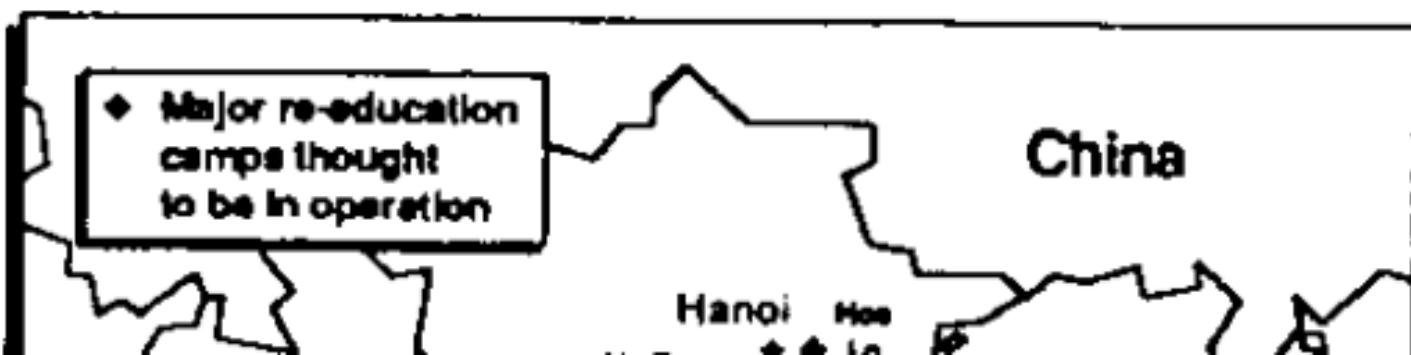
## CAMPS, from Page 1A

they fear could lead a counterrevolution — lived out their lives in hard labor, humiliation, sickness and deliberately inflicted pain.

Their stories are backed up by the findings of a rela-

nied as punishment, and some former prisoners said they drank their own urine. Others reported that some prisoners were chained so long that maggots grew in the wounds on their wrists or ankles.

♦ Former inmates to perform



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## Vietnam's Re-education Camps



Rich Thuy — Special to the Mercury News

These drawings illustrate the brutal treatment of inmates at the re-education camps. The painting above is an artist's depiction of a work detail, based on former prisoners' descriptions. At left, a survivor's sketch shows a man shackled around a post in a "punishment hole."

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“I will always be afraid. I will never  
have peace in life again.”

— Vu Trong Khanh

# A former prisoner, scarred by torture, now writes of love

By Dennis Rockstroh  
Mercury News Staff Writer

"You want to see torture?"

with a metal tip about three inches long.

Other times, a metal cage was

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## Millions were sent away to be ‘re-educated’

By Dennis Rockstroh  
*Mercury News Staff Writer*

Just days after the fall of Saigon to the North Vietnamese army on

(A<sub>Y</sub>-C<sub>A</sub>)

kill communists. It was stupid."

Even after an autobiography showed the right attitude, several former prisoners reported, the blu-

form hard labor in quarries, in the fields or in the jungles felling bamboo for expansion of the prisons.

Although the hours varied, it was not uncommon for prisoners

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## A Marine called Nam

Garwood spent  
14 years in camps

By Dennis Rockstroh  
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One of the  
most intriguing



Chased with a stick  
A 46-year-old former cap-

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# Vietnamese refugee leaders skeptical of prisoner release

By Dennis Rockstroh  
Mercury News Staff Writer

Vietnamese refugee leaders are  
skeptical of Hanoi's announcement

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“We can't really

know at this point.”

ernment to shape normalization  
between the two countries,” Nhuan  
said.

But most political prisoners will

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# Vietnam plans to give amnesty to some in re-education camps

## Officials deny refugees' charges of torture, execution of inmates

By Dennis Rockstroh  
Mercury News Staff Writer

The government of Vietnam will release or reduce

Jose, Los Angeles, Orange County and the Washington, D.C., area.

Similar accounts have been gathered by the Aurora Foundation of Atherton, an offshoot of Amnesty International, researchers for the University of California at Berkeley and the Asia Watch Committee of New