

**LETTER OF THE SVNFL
IN SAIGON — GIADINH AREA TO
US SERVICEMEN**

(On the occasion of the December 29, 1966 Day)



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**U.S OFFICERS AND MEN OF THE
U.S expeditionary corps
IN SOUTH VIETNAM!**

YOU are sent to South Vietnam to carry out a military adventure in a foreign country on the antipodes, separated from your own by a great ocean. This military adventure — or more correctly this undeclared dirty war of aggression against the peace-and-freedom loving Vietnamese people, kindled by the U.S government in South Vietnam — is the result of a criminal reactionary policy serving U.S monopoly capitalists and running counter to the U.S people's aspiration for peace.

These 12 years, after the signing of the 1954 Geneva Agreements on Vietnam which put an end to

the French colonialist aggression, the United States has systematically sabotaged the agreements, taken over from the French colonialists, directly intervened militarily in South Vietnam, colluded with its Vietnamese lackeys and relentlessly repressed the South Vietnamese people, in an attempt to turn South Vietnam into a U.S. new-type colony, and military base in Indochina and Southeast Asia.

To carry out its dark objective, the United States has set up in South Vietnam reactionary governments composed of shameless, rotten, power-hungry, extremely cruel flunkies who are all the time tearing and toppling one another. From late Ngo dinh Diem to the present generals Nguyen van Thieu — Nguyen Cao Ky all are but a gang of traitors to the nation abhorred by the Vietnamese people.

The U.S. government has told you « the Americans help Vietnamese people fight Communist aggression » ; and under this signboard, a two hundred of-thousands-strong U.S. expeditionary corps, the 7th Fleet, strategic jet bombers B-52, toxic chemicals and other kinds of mass-killing weapons have been sent to Vietnam to massacre the Vietnamese people, destroy their homes, fields and villages

But you, who directly spread terror and stage raids, surely you have eye-witnessed who are victims of the U.S. expeditionary corps. Aren't they old persons, women, children, peasants, patriots struggling for their own way of life, on their homeland? Such being the case, is the United States helping Vietnamese people fight aggression, or is it directly aggressing Vietnam? There is no denying that « the Americans opposing the Vietnamese who aggress Vietnam on the Vietnamese territory » is only a deceitful assertion that can neither cover up the truth nor take in anybody!

The U.S. aggressive war in South Vietnam is doomed to complete failure, because the South Vietnamese people's resistance for peace, independence, neutrality, in advance toward reunification of the fatherland, is a just struggle which enjoys sympathy and support from world people, the majority of the U.S. people included. Each Vietnamese patriot killed by U.S. troops, each U.S. bomb, shell exploding on the Vietnamese villages and fields deepen further the national hatred

for the aggressors in the heart of 31 million Vietnamese people, from North to South, turn it into a great spiritual and material force that stimulates the entire Vietnamese population of all ages and sexes to rush to the forefront and wage a life-and-death struggle with the enemy! It is why the longer the hostilities and the fiercer the U.S. aggression and escalation, the more drastic the Vietnamese people's reaction, the more powerful the South Vietnamese people's resistance! No reactionary power — even the U.S. power — can overcome it.

These 12 years, strong troops, renowned commanders and generals, modern weapons have been brought into play by 3 successive U.S. presidents to fight the South Vietnamese people; but so far, the United States is still «in a tunnel with no end in sight». Isn't this irrefutable fact the most eloquent demonstration for you to think over and draw appropriate conclusions?

You are practically blindfolded and deceived by the U.S government. Under the 'anti-Vietcong' signboard, the U.S government has made use of your life to wage an unjust aggressive war in South Vietnam, so as to maintain a puppet reactionary regime, to bolster Vietnamese traitors to the nation with U.S 'aid', U.S dollars that the U.S people have to pay as taxes for the U.S government to waste here for the selfish, criminal interests of a gang of U.S imperialist warmongers.

What the U.S expeditionary corps is doing in South Vietnam does not differ from the criminal aggressive acts of the British expeditionary corps which 300 years ago repressed the aspirations for independence, freedom and peace of your ancestors who surged up to free themselves from the British colonialist domination. While obeying Washington order to carry out this aggressive war in South Vietnam, you have wilfully trampled upon the ideal of your ancestors those who waged the anti-British colonialist war and liberated the United States.

Obeying the U.S. criminal government, you have stained your hands in bloody massacres. Day after day, you kill the Vietnamese but you also cannot get out safe and the death toll of U.S. troops is rising steadily here. Number of you never return home; they are for ever absent from their sweet homes, their dear families. Number of you are leading a hard and dangerous life in jungles, in marshes, close to death, with desperate wounds!

Now, Christmas and the New Year come to your peaceful homeland! How your fathers and mothers, wives and children, your kith and kin miss you and worry about you! However, full the family reunion is, by a warm fire and a verdant pine-tree with plenty of delicious fruit, sweets, foodstuffs and nice gifts, home is yet desolate and unlively, only because you are missing.

Your people are praying to Christ for your safety as you often do for the happiness of your families not to be shattered by this unjust war! But how can mere praying bring the war to an end?

The war is still raging ever more (frocely) with thousands of U.S. youths falling down in Vietnam battlefields every day, and thus hundreds of thousands of U.S. families are shattered.

To put an early end to this war, first of all you are to support and join the U.S. people's movement struggling against the Johnson administration's aggressive policy in Vietnam, to urge or the withdrawal of all U.S. troops from South Vietnam, to demand your repatriation, and the restoration of peace in Vietnam, letting the Vietnamese people settle themselves their own affairs.

Only by so doing could the U.S. dirty-aggressive war in Vietnam be brought to an early end, could your return home be realized.

That is a just an honorable deed, a duty to every U.S. citizen who means to safeguard the prestige and honor of the United States.

Today, on the occasion of the 6th anniversary of its founding, the SVNFL calls on all officers and men of the U.S. expeditionary corps taking part in the dirty aggressive war in South Vietnam, to ponder over the implications of their deeds and to behave in such a way as to be worthy of the peace-and-justice loving tradition of the U.S. people highlighted by the noble sacrifice of Norman Morrison, Roger Laporte and Celin Janen Kowski! Do prove by positive acts that you are not the tools of U.S. imperialism, that you are genuine U.S. citizens!

- OPPOSE THE U.S. DIRTY AGGRESSIVE WAR IN SVN!
- REPATRIATE U.S. EXPEDITIONARY CORPS!
- PEACE FOR VIETNAM!
- WELCOME THOSE 147 MEN OF 2ND BRIGADE, 25TH U.S. INFANTRY DIVISION FOR THEIR BRAVE DEEDS OPPOSING THE OPERATING ORDER TO FIGHT AGAINST THE SOUTH VIETNAMESE PEOPLE AND LIBERATION ARMED FORCES IN TAY NINH PROVINCE ON NOVEMBER 13, 1966 IN DONG DU CU CHI