

LATER LAMMAS

A US professor studying the aftermaths of the Viet Nam war has made the following revelations:

1. not including the GI's killed in action, the number of those participating in the fighting ran to 6,760,000.

2. in 1973, the US government paid those "Viet Vets" and the families of the KIA's nearly 11 billion dollars;

3. that expenditure will go increasing into the year 2020, and progressive decrease to nought until the end of the 21st century.

Thus the American state will have to pay for the consequences of the mistake for the whole duration of the next century.

It is edifying, isn't it? The American man in the street is in despair about such a long lasting and heavy burden. All the more as the scholar's estimate has been based on the assumption of no change of the American state for a century. This implies that the latter might in the meantime venture in other aggressions whose effects might last into later Lammas.

The only remedy is to remove the cause of war, i.e. the ruling regime in the US and deprive it of all possibilities to do mischief.

The Americans will see to it and for sure will not wait for later Lammas.

MORTAL FOE

In his televised press conference on the night of December 2, G. Ford for the first time admitted

Here and There

JAN. 13 1975

that the US recession was serious and inflation would remain for a long long time its mortal foe. Calling for more action and less criticisms in front of the danger, he put forth however no new proposal and required only Congress to pass immediately four measures including the trimming of the federal budget by 4.6 billion dollars, against a suggestion of 10 to 15 billion by many economists.

Within the framework of this slash, the US president opposed appropriations for public welfare amenities like higher old-age pensions, professional training for 11 million veterans including a majority from Viet Nam.

A representative was sceptical about the affirmation that the 300 million dollars earmarked for the latter purpose would be a cause of inflation while the 1,250 million dollar military aid would not be a more serious one.

A logician has commented that thus the mortal foe of the American President is not necessarily that of the American people and that facts prove the latter is the former's and the other way round.

UNLESS...

On December 17, 1974, the spokesman of the PRG Ministry of Foreign Affairs aired accusations against Washington's deployment of its aircraft-

carrier "Enterprise" to fly 50 air raids a day and to indulge, escorted by 4 cruisers, in provocations along the South Viet Nam coast from Da Nang to Binh Dinh. By December 17, those craft were still active 200 km east of Phu Cat.

It is to be recalled that on December 5, US Assistant Defense Secretary A. Mendolia and Vice-Admiral A. Weschler arrived in Saigon to consult with Thieu about the illegal introduction of US arms and munitions into South Viet Nam. Lately, "US advisors" were sent to all the 4 military sectors to push up "pacification," encroachment and rice-looting and tax-collecting operations.

All those moves are undeniable proof of continued US military involvement and interference in South Viet Nam's affairs, a flagrant breach of the January 27, 1973 Paris Agreement, the March 2, 1973 Act of the International Conference on Viet Nam and the June 13, 1973 Joint Communiqué.

In view of the facts which forced Washington and its agents to sign the above-mentioned instruments, it is sheer wishful thinking to expect that US sabre-rattling could intimidate the Vietnamese.

Unless after playing the part of a world gendarme, the US wants to play that of a world jester.

HUONG NAM

W
FILE
DATE
SUBJ.
SUB-CAT.