

With the strange logic of the military, the diplomatic and the entire Viet Nam involvement, General Westmoreland, the man in charge, is quoted in the morning papers of November 25, 1965 - Thanksgiving Day - as saying that the bombing of North Viet Nam has slowed down infiltration.

As of that time, the papers had been full of general allegations of an increasing and large involvement of "regular" North Viet Namese troops in the south, without providing convincing or ever probative evidence of the presence of any, although it would seem the presence of such troops as of then might safely be assumed to have been one of the likely consequences of the American attack on the north.

With practically no involvement of North Viet Namese troops in the south as of the time of the beginning of the American attack, and with the reportedly considerable increase in their numbers following the beginning of the attack and during its continuation of these many months, it is difficult for those of us not ~~like~~ blessed with the special powers of the unique logic of General Westmoreland those those many in the government and the press in sympathy with him and his position, to understand how an increase from zero to a large number constitutes a "slowing down", the benefit to our side he attributed to the bombing of the north!