

### *"Only Dead Vietcong"*

*The Washington Post* deserves special praise for its picture on the front page of its March 22 edition. You will recall that it showed victorious GIs gazing down at a mass grave of Vietcong dead. The caption read "423 Vietcong Killed as GIs Rout Assault."

It was most courageous to print this photograph since there might have been a time when it would have been classified as too gory. But civilization has progressed and we can now view such a picture secure in the knowledge that such animals are only dead Vietcong, and that their deaths were necessary for freedom and democracy.

Additionally, *The Washington Post* deserves credit because in this day when more than 75 per cent of our national budget goes for defense, our citizens are entitled to know that our tax dollars are for a worthwhile purpose. The taxpayer deserves to know what he is getting for his money.

But perhaps most important, our children can gaze at the picture in anticipation of that day when they might put away their toys and behave as adults.

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