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Slaughter of Innocents in Indochina

To the Editor:

The President's recent exclusive interview with C. L. Sulzberger makes incredible reading.

Here was the President stressing his Quaker pacifism and his dedication to peace. But nowhere in his remarks was there even a hint of any regret for the killing of hundreds of thousands of innocent civilians and the creation of over a million refugees in Indochina by American bombers and American firepower. [Editorial March 14.]

The emphasis was on American power and the necessity of demonstrating our willingness to use that power for the sake of future generations regardless of the cost in American lives and in the erosion of our image as a civilized Christian nation.

It was apparent also that Mr. Sulzberger was so bemused by the power of the person he was interviewing that he refrained from asking the President how he felt about the death and destruction of the innocents, which his Administration and the Congress have brought to Indochina.

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