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Can't Win Viet War, Says Pell

WASHINGTON — (UPI) — Sen. Clairborne Pell (D-R.I.) asked the Senate and the nation today to acknowledge that the Vietnam war is unwinnable, Vietnamization is unworkable and a Communist regime in all of Vietnam is inevitable — and even in America's national interest.

Pell, in an unusually blunt speech, said:

"I submit that our national interest would best be served by a unified Vietnam even if under Communist rule, as it would then serve as a relatively firm barrier to Chinese expansion."

Pell argued the United States should insist on only one condition as it evacuates swiftly from Vietnam — the safety of Vietnamese who have sided with the Americans. He said they could be relocated, under the United Nations, in a safe haven, perhaps the island of Borneo.

Arguing it would be in America's own interest to see Vietnam under Communist control, Pell declared, "Our history has shown that we are better off — and certainly our taxpayers are better off — with countries neutral, or even opposed to us, rather than with vulnerable, mushy allies unable to survive without American assistance."