

Newsday for Dellums' 'War Crimes' Probe

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Newsday, the Nation's largest suburban daily newspaper, called yesterday for a full-scale Congressional investigation into possible United States war crimes in Indochina as "an act of rehumanization" for Americans.

"The goal would not be vengeance but truth — and, if guilt is established, some measure of expiation," the Long Island newspaper said in an editorial supporting legislation introduced in Congress by Representative Ronald V. Dellums (Dem-Calif.) for such an inquiry.

"No nation ever has had the courage to publicly examine its own conscience. We believe that the American people are equal to such a challenge; that, if permitted by their leaders, they would welcome the opportunity to reaffirm their faith in their ideals, in their nation and in themselves," Newsday said.

"The alternative to such an act of rehumanization is clear," Newsday said. "We will pass on not grandeur, but guilt to our children. And among the family of nations, we will have lost the 'decent respect to the opinions of mankind.'"

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