

A Newsmen Charges Camera Was Seized

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QUANGTRI, South Vietnam, Feb. 8—A South Vietnamese cameraman working on assignment for the National Broadcasting Company said today that an American helicopter crewman forcibly took his movie camera from him and threw it from the helicopter as it flew South Vietnamese combat troops over Laos. According to the newsman, Hoang Trong Nghia, the crewman had said he was acting under orders.

Mr. Nghia, twice winner of the American Press Club award, said he had boarded the American helicopter at Khesanh and had flown nearly five miles past the Laotian border, marked visibly from the air by the Tchepone River, when the incident occurred.

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