

'Viet War Roars On By Remote Control'

WASHINGTON — (CDN) — Despite President Nixon's latest U.S. troop withdrawal announcement, the Vietnam war continues "full scale by remote control," according to a research study sponsored by the American Friends Service Committee.

"By withdrawing U.S. ground combat forces from Vietnam, the Nixon Administration hopes to make a convincing argument that the war is winding down," said the report prepared by the national pacifist group's affiliated organization, National Action/Research on the Military Industrial Complex, in Philadelphia.

"The development of the automated battlefield ena-

bles the U.S. military to replace men with machines, and still to carry on full scale wars by remote controls," said the report.

**Many Sources**

The 19-page study, just completed, was prepared in the last two weeks in expectation of Nixon's troop pull-out announcement.

It was the result of combining congressional testimony of U.S. military personnel, the Pentagon Papers, articles in U.S. military journals, Vietnamese news reports from Saigon and Hanoi, and other sources.

The "automated battlefield" uses such "weapons" as computers, sensors for

sound and ground vibrations, unmanned planes and bombs guided by laser on TV to inflict death and destruction that formerly was done by soldiers, the study explains.

**'New Secret War'**

Furthermore, it adds, the "new war" has been kept largely secret while "its components and budgets have been scattered among many programs and military services."

The "automated battlefield concept" had its beginnings in 1966 and gained headway after it appeared that saturation bombing of the North Vietnamese and the Viet Cong would not win the war, says the study.

**Bombs**

"With an automated battlefield, there can be no American Dien Bien Phu," says the study, referring to the climactic 1954 French defeat in Indochina.

As an example of confirmation of the current "stable war" — which means that firepower is maintained at a steady level and will continue — the report cites a defense industry publication — the report cites a de-

that reports:  
"The requirement for iron bombs in Southeast Asia will continue long after American troops have pulled out. The administration's policy, as now defined, makes clear the intent to support the South Vietnamese and Cambodians with American air sorties by U.S. Air Force and U.S. Navy aircraft. Thus there will be a sustaining demand for air-dropped ordnance."