

China Calls on U.S. To Stop Interfering In South Vietnam

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HONG KONG, April 13—China urged the United States today to "stop all involvement in South Vietnam and all interference in the internal affairs of South Vietnam," terming this "the correct way to settle the South Vietnam question."

The Chinese statement, which appeared as an article in the official Peking newspaper Jenmin Jih Pao, was also carried by Hsinhua, the Chinese press agency. It appeared three days after President Ford appealed to China to use her influence to stop the fighting in South Vietnam.

"Let the Vietnamese people solve their own problems themselves without foreign interference," says the article, which was signed "commentator," an indication of its authoritative nature.

"The United States has in the last years spent more than \$200-billion on war expenditures and sent more than half a million United States troops," the article says. "But all this cannot block the victorious development of the Vietnamese people's just struggle."

The statement said that "the so-called South Vietnamese refugee issue" was contrived to cover up forcible evacuation of people to "gather manpower and material resources for continuing the war."

The Chinese statement said that evacuation of Americans was also a false issue.

"If the United States really wants to evacuate them, it can be easily done," the article said. "On the contrary, it recently sent over 20 warships including missile-carrying cruisers, aircraft carriers, destroyers, amphibious and supply ships, and several thousand combat-ready marines, swarming on the waters of South Vietnam."