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Vanishing In Hanoi

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The air raid shelters in Hanoi are disappearing one after the other.

The big demolition jobstarted several months ago and is nearing completion.

All over the North Vietnamese capital crews of adults and children are attacking huge mounds with picks and shovels. The shelters are made of earth, bricks, concrete and stones.

Some of these shelters were built in the middle of the street. Some could shelter up to 300 people.

The main beneficiaries of this vast demolition job are the children. They have been authorized to sell bricks during school vacation for one dong (about 40 American cents) a dozen.

The more industrious children and the most gifted salesmen among them earn up to five dongs a day.

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