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'U.S. corrupted Viets'

BRUSSELS — Evangelist Billy Graham believes the United States may have helped pave the way for the Communist conquest of South Vietnam by corrupting the nation with its culture.

"I think that the American culture we imported to South Vietnam tended to corrupt the people," Graham said in an interview with UPI. "Religious leaders in Vietnam have emphasized this to me time after time."

Graham, here for an evangelical crusade, also said the West could profit by observing how Communist governments deal with problems of morality.

"In terms of sexual morality, the Communists are teaching us some lessons wherever they take over," he said. "They close down brothels, eliminate prostitution, and eliminate pornography."

He said the Communists did not take their stringent measures because of religious reasons, "but they realize they can't build a strong society with problems like these, and others such as drug abuse."