

To the Editor:

In a Nov. 6 letter under the heading "U.S. vs. the Vietnamese," the United States was attacked for its treatment of Vietnam. What the writer failed to state was that the Coalition to Stop the War has instituted a campaign among Communist-oriented groups to persuade Congress to sponsor legislation for financial goodies, recognition and ending the U.S. trade embargo.

The Congressmen named in the letter should know that the war has not ended for 1,300 families whose sons, brothers, fathers and husbands, many known to have been captured alive, have not been returned or accounted for, as provided by the Paris accords. Their efforts should be devoted in behalf of these men.

Some twenty noncombat correspondents, including Sean Flynn and Welles Hangen, have not been returned or accounted for; nor have the bodies of the two dead marines left behind in Saigon been returned.

This is part of the Communist war on women, children and elderly people, some of whom have already died in the agony of not knowing the fate of their loved ones. The use of these captured and missing Americans and their families as political hostages by these Communist barbarians is illegal, immoral and based on the unacceptable premise that sufficient terrorist activity to these people will be rewarded.

The lot of the Vietnamese people has been an unhappy one ever since Ho Chi Min admittedly slaughtered 50,000 of his people to establish his repressive government. Another million fled to South Vietnam in vain, since that country was ultimately invaded by the Communist horde.

It would be as wrong for the United States to come to the aid of this Communist dictatorship while its people live under the heel of its cruel leaders as it would be to come to its aid while our 1,300 brave men repose in its tiger cages and uneasy graves.

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