

'Success' in Cambodia

To the Editor:

There is an Alice in Wonderland quality (or is it Orwellian?) to the Nixon Administration's continued insistence that the Cambodian invasion is a success.

Before the invasion the Vietcong held only limited areas along the border, and since

Since [redacted] to re [redacted] limited holdings. After the invasion the Communists control about half the country; the pro-American regime is tottering with the prospect it can survive, if at all, only at great cost to the United States; the war has been widened; many Cambodians have been killed or wounded; there has been widespread suffering and destruction; the South Vietnamese Army has been diverted from a job it couldn't do in the first place; our international reputation further damaged and our domestic situation even further polarized.

Only in Orwellian terms can such a disaster be termed victory.

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