

## KRIEGSPIEL IN VIETNAM by C.L. Sulzberger

Paris - During recent weeks both the North Vietnamese and Chinese have hinted by discreet questioning some nervousness about the chances that the United States might introduce tactical nuclear weapons in Indochina. This is obviously part of the psychological warfare preceding possible offensives by both sides.

What set off these inquiries apparently was a report that massive evacuation of the civilian population in northern South Vietnam, a region implicitly menaced by current Communist military preparations, was either being planned by Saigon or was under way.

The theory is obviously that Washington would never face angry U.S. and world opinion by risking the death of large numbers of civilians in any area but that blast damage and collateral effects from tactical A-weapons could obviously be limited if a massive evacuation occurred ahead of time.

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The belief that some kind of civilian evacuation might be underway in the northern province could look to Hanoi like premature withdrawal of civilians from an area where nuclear weapons may be employed.....

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See NYTimes 11 Jan 71, "Saigon Plans Vast Peasant Shift," filed Indochina.

Also item from KPFA News 17 Feb 71, filed War Crimes.