

The Endless Dilemma

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Washington, April 11- The military crisis in Vietnam has at least clarified the policy of the Nixon Administration. In the name of protecting the withdrawal of American troops and prisoners from the battlefields, the President is now directing a massive air offensive against the enemy in order to prevent the defeat of the South Vietnamese Army and the overthrow of the Saigon Government.

This is at least a policy; but it is not a policy for getting out, it is a policy for staying in; not a policy for defending our troops, but a policy for defending General Thieu's command and his regime. ....