

Our Message to Hanoi

To the Editor:

During this period of renewed controversy over partisan criticism of peace plans, Americans must realize that the war will continue as long as our message to Hanoi is clear: "You had better negotiate with us now, for tomorrow we will give you a better deal." We must remember that Hanoi is asked for little more than releasing our P.O.W.'s, yet will bargain mercilessly with the lives of these men until they are convinced that they can get no more.

Peace will come only when America tries the one "plan" that we have avoided all along—holding our tongues and, for once, ending the incentive for Hanoi to wait another day. Wounded critics are emphasizing their undeniable right to free speech, but is our goal free speech or peace?

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