

Rogers Vows U.S. Loyalty To Saigon

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Secretary of State William P. Rogers yesterday pledged continued United States loyalty to South Vietnam and said that a "total abandonment of an ally, a complete about face would be unconscionable."

Rogers said the United States must "maintain and be steadfast to commitments to the 42 nations with which we have alliances . . . that is the lesson we learned in World War II — that is the lesson we must never forget."

That explains, he said, why "the way we end our involvement in Vietnam is of such fundamental importance."

Rogers made the remarks in a wide - ranging foreign policy speech to the 50th anniversary dinner of the Order of AHEPA (American Hellenic Educational and Progressive Association).

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