



Refugee Boys at Hue—Associated Press

From a Million Dead . . . Rebirth?

The war in Vietnam has cost at least 1.3 million lives over the past decade, according to U.S. government figures.

Other statistics on the war, cumulative from Jan. 1, 1961, to Jan. 13, 1973:

- American combat dead: 45,933.
- American non-combat dead (accidents, illnesses, etc.): 10,298.
- South Vietnamese military dead: 183,528.
- Other allied dead (South Koreans, Thais, etc.): 5,225.
- Estimated North Vietnamese military dead: 924,048.

American troops wounded and hospitalized: 153,254.

President Nixon last summer put the number of South Vietnamese civilians killed since 1965 at 205,000 and wounded at 615,000. This was somewhat lower than the total of 1,050,000 dead and wounded estimated earlier by the Senate Refugee subcommittee, headed by Sen. Edward M. Kennedy (D-Mass).

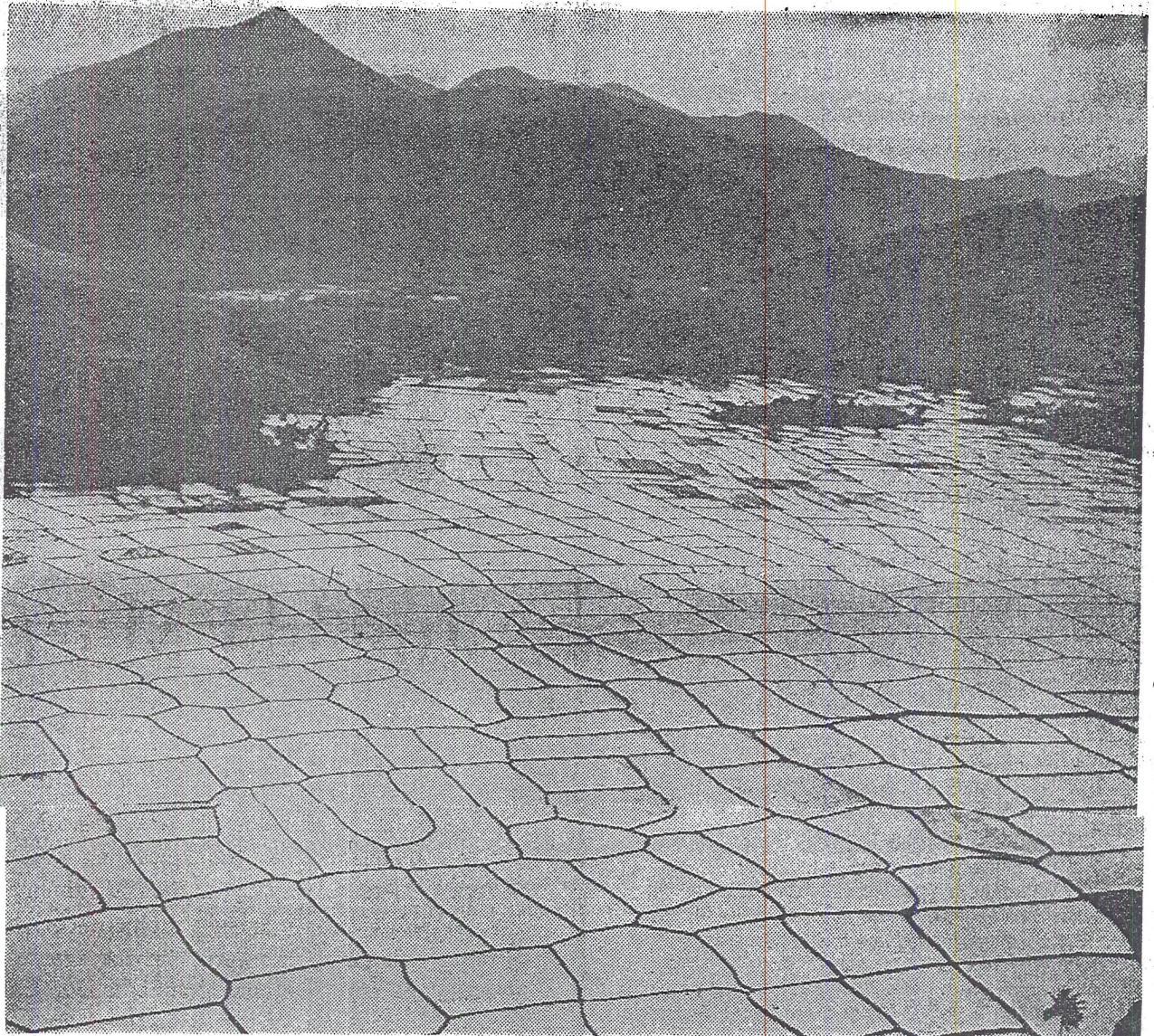
There are no meaningful figures on North Vietnamese civilian casualties but a then-secret U.S. gov-

ernment study estimated in 1969 that at the height of the 1965-1968 bombing 1,000 North Vietnamese were killed and injured each week.

Other unknown numbers have been killed in Laos and Cambodia.

*Oh Vietnam!
 These bodies breathe life into the
 land for the future.
 The road to the future, though it be
 difficult.
 Will be made easier by these
 bodies . . .*

—Balled to the Dead
by Trinh Cong Son



Rice paddies in Binh Dinh Province—Horst Faas, Associated Press