

Pro-Fonda Letters

MR. WRIGHT: After reading the letters about Jane Fonda, I just want to say I have two sons who are Vietnam veterans. I feel that it was with the help of Jane Fonda and other anti-war people that both my sons are home alive today. I don't agree with all her verbal outbursts, but thank God she helped bring the boys home alive. — W. Bain

Please address thank-you notes in care of Hanoi.

MR. WRIGHT: Since this is obviously Hate Jane Fonda Week, try this on for size. How many American women have you known with minds of more depth than their makeup? Don't you find it curiously refreshing that at least Jane Fonda speaks out, loud and clear, for what she believes to be true, regardless of personal consequences? Isn't that what America is all about? Or perhaps we now live in Amerika? — James Strauss

Your darling posed for pictures with a North Vietnamese gun crew, and fascist Amerika let her come home just the same.

MR. WRIGHT: When you are carried away by the return of the poor POWs your column gets sickening. I understand they and their families are happy, but why make an old-fashioned operetta out of it? After all, they are professional killers. If that's what the Americans consider heroes, no wonder you lost the war (and the dollar, too). There never was a declared war, and so anybody killing anybody was a killer. And don't talk about defending a democracy, with thousands in jails because they don't agree with the ruling fascists. The POWs complain about torture. What did they expect after My Lai and such? Would you be nice to someone who had just killed

your children, wife, mother or father? Buy yourself a shortwave radio and listen to BBC, France, Germany. Europeans aren't worried about Communism. Russia had lost two million people when America came into World War II. They were our friends and still are. Why don't you mention that the POWs look better fed and better dressed than 10 million Americans living below poverty standards. Look into that sometime, but I bet you won't. — Jack Ritman

To me this letter is a classic example of the mind that can think nothing good about America. And I don't believe this alienation started with Vietnam.

MR. WRIGHT: After just having had your relatives brutally murdered or butchered beyond recognition by an American bomb, what the hell do you expect the women and kids to do? Throw flowers at the murderers? You're damned right they had rifles, and so would the women and children in this country under the same circumstances. Why don't you have the maturity and courage to admit that this country was responsible for upwards of 1000 atrocities for every one committed by the DRV? As for the treatment of the POWs, the truth probably lies about half way between Jane Fonda's version and the POW's. As for the treatment of THEIR prisoners, there is virtually no debate. We used every sadistic, brutal method known to man, including rape and torture of their women and children. But then I forget; they are only "slants" or "gooks." They don't count, do they? Only in the eyes of God. Certainly not to our servicemen.
— Ronald S. Winkler

I hope in time you develop objectivity to match your righteous indignation.