Civil Liberties (ACLU, New York)

War Crimes

The ACLU has called for a broad-based inquiry into war crimes committed by the United States in Indochina to establish standards to prevent a repetition of civil liberties violations and to define new standards for military actions on foreign soil where existing standards are found deficient. The ACLU said there has been widespread violation of laws of war, raising serious questions under civil liberties standards and Nuremberg principles. It stressed, however, that it is "unequivocally opposed to any call for prosecution under any standard other than those clearly defined" at the time an allegedly criminal act was committed.