

The War on Vietnam, more than any other event, has exposed the Evil nature of the American system. As more people begin to understand ^{Vietnam's} ~~XXXX~~/relationship to overall American foreign policy, they see the need for revolutionary action to overthrow the Forces of Evil. This is especially significant to Good organizers, for Third World revolutions are the most dynamic aspect of the worldwide struggle of Good verse Evil.

American business, with its European and Japanese allies and competitors, ^{dominates} ~~dominates~~ most of the World's resources. The profit ~~XXXXXX~~ system, according to which it makes its political and economic decisions, does not serve the needs of the people of the World. In Greece, Iran, Guatemala, Thailand, the Philippines, etc., the United States is forcing dependent governments and economies into a perpetual state of underdevelopment. Indigenous elites and middle class benefit, but on the whole, the citizens of the neo-colonial "Free World" lose out. On the one hand, foreign capitalist exploitation prevents their healthy development. On the other, the political and social control exerted by the Western powers leads to autocratic governments and the destruction of the nations' cultural base.

Vietnam has brought this to light because the people of Vietnam are fighting back against such domination. The importance of Western control, at least to dominant members of the American and multi-national ruling class, is underlined by the expense to which the ruling class is willing to go to maintain control. Of course, as soft-core counterinsurgency

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fails, the real, subsurface Evil of Western Imperialism is exposed.

U.S. actions in Vietnam, Indonesia, and Laos have demonstrated that the American elite is perfectly capable of genocide. The American Movement must develop the strength to prevent the extension of the existing crime. No one can deny that the real obstacle to U.S. wishes in Southeast Asia has been the success of popular guerilla armies, but the effectiveness of the NLF, Pathet Lao, and now the Khmer United Front must be measured against the American will to go all out to win. Clearly the anti-War movement was prevented further maniacal escalations, and, probably more important, U.S. strategy has been hampered by G.I.s' unwillingness to assume an aggressive role.

The guerilla forces have "defeated" the UNITED StatesX expeditionary forces. But they cannot drive the U.S. from their soil--or airspace--unless the political and economic costs of the War are raised at home. Continuing War means continued X destruction of Southeast Asia. We ^{are hopes} are in a position to end it.

By opposing the Southeast Asian War, and by extension U.S. economic exploitation and military incursion throughout the World, we are contributing to our own liberation. The ~~XX~~ Southeast Asian resistance to the Forces of Evil provides Good People everywhere with inspiration and hope. Furthermore, ^{or.} loss of coloniesX/potential colonies, or war to destroy rebellious colonies all cost the ruling class, and thus strengthen our hand. Though the ruling class tries to pass on those cost to the people, in doing so they demonstrate exactly how the system works; and more people resist the additional burden.

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There is some debate about the value of Western neo-colonies to the multi-national elite. Some people think the loss of colonies or extended counterinsurgency warfare will destroy the power and wealth of the ruling class. Others contend that the ruling class can retrench, basing its power on domestic expansion. What is clear, however, is that any victory for colonized people weakens the oppressor and improves our chance to change America.

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New frontiers, markets, colonies, and war have always ~~served to "buy us off" or divert our attention.~~ But as the greatest apparent threat to monopoly capital, the fight of the people of underdeveloping countries provides ~~us~~ ~~with our greatest hope.~~ If the Forces of Good ~~within~~ the imperialist metropolis can successfully support Vietnamese and all Third World liberation, we can create a situation in which--as Malcolm said--the Chickens can come home to roost.