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Vietnam. Time Is Up

by ROBERT E. SEGAL

Wasn't it enough back in June when Mrs. Jewell Bullock said of her son, Dan, only 15, killed in Vietnam: "Now he's dead in a place we don't know; can't even pronounce the names; and for reasons we don't understand?"

Wasn't it enough, a short time later when the irony of taking Hamburger Hill was exposed as heartbreak in the false pride that goes with this nation's involvement in the longest war in which it has ever participated?

Wasn't it enough when young Lieutenant Eugene Shurtz, Jr. of Company A, 3rd Battalion, 21st Infantry, just couldn't get his men to face more of the same fighting that had already decimated the outfit?

Wasn't it enough when Mrs. Richard Genest of Manchester, N. H., not long out of her teens, said no, thank you to the military people who wanted to make the traditional bestowal of the flag draping the casket of her beloved, killed a land mine a few hours before he was to have come home?

Mrs. Genest didn't care to have Taps sounded at graveside rights for her husband. She wanted Taps only for the unnecessary war interminable and so costly in life, in resources, in this nation's reputation.

This is a war believed to be causing 200,000 civilian casualties annually, a war that has made refugees of 4,000 humans, a war that had defoliated the countryside, ruined countless hamlets, emitttered the people and spread the mournful news of family tragedies too sad for contemplation.

It is a war that finds our government fighting to shore up and preserve a regime hostile to our cardinal concepts of justice and individual rights.

America has documented proof of our entrapment in this sinister duality. That proof is the report of the U. S. study team on Religious and Political Freedom in Vietnam.

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The credentials of the study team were impeccable. The group included Rear Admiral Arnold E. True, United States Navy (retired); Dean Robert F. Drinan of the Boston College Law School; Bishop James Armstrong of the United Methodist Church; and Rabbi Samuel Siegel of the Jewish Theological Seminary.

Fou basic findings of the mission have raised grave doubts about continuing claims that the Thieu-Ky government is committed to democratic beliefs and practices. The suppression of religious and political expression in South Vietnam is so well-documented by the study commission's report that only the most intransigent and heartless of this nation's dwindling band of hawks will attempt to disavow it. The study team found:

1- All procedural portection is being denied to thousands of persons arrested in South Vietnam. Relatively unfettered discretion is held and exercised by a variety of local and national police and intelligence units.

2- The government's acceleratng use of the extra-constitutional Military Field Tribunal is responsible for the sentencing and imprisonment of additional thousands of persons who are denied fair hearings.

3- Cases of physical abuse of prisoners have written a sordid chapter of torture and brutality.

4- "Without question the Thieu-Ky Government uses the words 'communism,' 'neutralism' and 'coalition' to silence dissent and weaken political and religious opposition.

U. S. Congressmen, especially those who voted for the Tonkin resolution in 1964, are not so buy at this season that they can't spare the time to take up the Congressional Record of June 17, setting forth the findings of the U. S. Study team on Religious and Political Freedom in Vietnam. They might then conclude, along with MRS, Bullock and Mrs. Benest and millions of other Americans that we've had enough of the war in Vietnam, that the bell has been tolled, that time has run out.

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tiating with us. All the talks among the Big Four powers cannot be a substitute for the Arabs taling directly with Israel."

The Premier added that the boundaries which Israel seeks, and/or how far Israel would withdraw from territories occupied in the 1967 war is not the important issue right now -- "but we must meet the Arab leaders and discuss with them recognized, secure and agreed boundaries -- and these borders must be worked out with the Arabs, not amongst ourselves."

Mrs. Meir said there is no parallel in situations between the Vietnam war and the Mideast war. "We've never sought from the outside -- and I hope we never do -- any soldiers to help us defend our country," she stated with pride. "We never asked any foreign soldiers to fight our battles."

She added, however, that Israel does expect to be allowed to acquire the necessary weapons to maintain a deterrent balance in view of the large amount of arms that the Arabs are receiving from the Soviet Union.

"If Israel can be strong and maintain that strength, it is the best guarantee against an outbreak of war," she said.

MRS. Meir maintains that the Soviet Union was mainly responsible -- along with President Nasser of Egypt for the Six-Day war; and the subsequent border conflicts in the Mideast. "The Russians armed the Arabs," she said, "and the Soviet Union is always against Israel. If the Russians would discontinue supplying Egypt with arms, then Nasser would be forced to make peace. But it seems to me the Soviet Union doesn't want peace in the Mideast. I have little hope that they will change their policy until such time that its in their

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taken out for a different act other than the DOORS. Again, a falsehood. Right on the license application, two weeks before, was clearly printed "The Doors".

Then TV, radio and more newspaper charges flew. "The Doors were obscene; they were arrested in Miami; they shouldn't be allowed to corrupt our youth;" were some of the missives fired at the show.

The facts prove quite the contrary. It's true Jim Morrison of the Doors was arrested in Miami, for "indecent gestures" onstage, plus the "Crime" of grabbing a policeman's hat and tossing it into the crowd, after being arrested. We can't define an "indecent gesture".

But what the R-J refused to print was: 1) the Doors were tops on record charts for years as one of America's most talented groups; 2) the teenagers love them; 3) before the Miami incident, which was blown way out of proportion, the Doors appeared in hundreds of concerts without a hitch. 4) SINCE MIAMI, and this is important, the Doors appeared six times without being arrested.

Sherrif Lamb and DA Franklin rose to the occasion, undanted by the smear campaign in the R-J, and allowed the show to go on. Other facts that were pointedly omitted from the R-J stories: 1) two weeks earlier Mike went to the DA and asked if the Doors could appear, telling Mr. Franklin all about the Miami incident. The DA agreed, but only if an extra 40 security guards were posted. Mike consented at a cost of an extra \$1,000.00. 2) in addition to extra security, members of the LV Cowboys also were hired in case of trouble. 3) Mike made an iron-clad contract with the Doors' manager that if there was an arrest they wouldn't get paid. 4) Mike has been producing concerts here and nationwide for eight years without one

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own interest to change. I really feel they would like to have the Suez Canal open, but at this time it appears the world can now live without it being open."

As for France, she said that in recent years there has been a different policy - a "policy as much against as the Soviet Union, 100 per cent pro-Arab."

Golda Meir said that even tough Britain and the United States are Israel's friends, the drawback is that they are really not anti-Arab. And therefore, any talks that the Big Four powers (Russia, France, Britain and the USA) would have, would result in a compromise... "So, what could Israel expect from such talks?" she asked.

Mrs. Meir also said that even though the Soviet Union maintains anti-Israel policy, Israel is ready to resume diplomatic relations with them. "It was the Soviet Union who decided to back-politically and militarily -- the Arab Governments," she said, "but they someday may realize the dangers of their present policies."

The leaders of the Arab states maintain that they agreed to the United Nations Security Council Resolution of 1967, which calls for a basis of a peace settlement. "But," Mrs. Meir noted, "They really have not accepted it. It's merely the Arab interpretation that they've accepted -- that Israel should first withdraw from the occupied territories, and then-possibly -- they'll talk."

She pointed out that it's usually those who lose a war who are the ones to ask for peace "Yet, it's the opposite with the Arabs. They expect us to beg. They seem to have the idea that it's only Israel who needs the peace; that they can continue to live without peace. But I say that peace is not a gift which only one side gives another -- peace is a gift for all peoples everywhere," she concluded.

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