Vietnam war report: it's really over

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The story of the war is the story of the white bandage around his middle, Nguyen Hang tried to sit up and light his cigarette. He is a member of a crowded surgical ward of Tam Ky General Hospital. Before being wounded in the stomach by gunfire from a Chino
deserter's rifle in February, Hang farmed the sandy land in central South Giang village, about 30 miles south of Danang.

Hang is one of the approxi
mately 17,000 enemy casualties that occur throughout Vietnam each month.

If one must agree that this is firm evidence that the war is winding down, then it is half the rate as that of 1968, when there was much heavier fighting.

But some foreign doctors here, with long experience in Viet Nam, point out that the present rate of civilian casualties is consistent with the 1967 level, which titled 45,000.

Other critics such as Senator Edward M. Kennedy have argued that these official esti
mates are much too low since they are based on hospital ad
missions alone. The remoteness of the war areas makes it especially hospital makes it impossible for many patients to reach a hospital. Others die immediately and are not counted at all. The health authorities estimate that 20% of all casualties treated elsewhere - such as at doctors' dispensatories.

The largest percentage of these casualties are mine victims, artillery, and engineer explosions. They also take Toll, occasionally, helicopters, and faster aircraft of all sizes make "nuts" everyday.

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lated Delta, south and west of Saigon. Although pacification successes in this area are highly

Ex-prime minister speaks

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rules, justified because of a breach of faith, by the world economic firmament, world finance.

We offered the following anecdote describing one applica
tion of the paradox for the economic logic to post-war develop
ments: "In my discus
sion with Will Clayton, I argued with what I thought to be involved principles. He replied that in the Delta, a distinction of degree, not kind. I did not deny it was a little lighter than the angels, it had, on his own arguments, a case for acceptance in the Kingdom of Heaven. Sup
pose the lower rate in a low

rural area, say the Common
wealth, were reduced and re

duced to a purely nominal figure, say 1%, or 0.1%, or 0.01%, what may be called the nil tariff in an asymptotic sense. It would be almost a general statement, if not so, that there would be no difference, not in terms of price, but in terms of principle.

The British should be treated as a factor in the price of gold from which the French stood to profit. Accord

ingly, if the Wilson, his press conference at the Ritz-Carlton was disrupted and ended when the President of the Sin Sen, the political arm of the Irish Repub
lican Army, tried debating Wil
son without the assembled tele

viewers.

Bicyclists recommend war tax payments halt

Everyone remembers Henry David Thoreau's night in jail for holding the view of non-American war taxes. Though many people have espoused a similar action, particularly in the Viet

nam conflict, the Military Asstis
ants Council of Vietnam re

mains simply funded.

For the last two months, about ten members of the Com

mittee for Non-Violent Action (CNAV) has been bicycling through New York and the New

England States trying to con

vince normally taciturn and con

servative citizens to withhold that percent of their taxes earmarked for the Vietnam war. "The response has been enthusiastic," said Brad Barknall, the caravan's leader. "We've gone riding from town to town, setting up meetings, leafletting, and just talking to people about tax resi

ance," Barknall said. "It's a much more human way of getting across a few words, just got into demon

ating some sort of superficial rhetoric.

"If we can convince people to hold back their taxes, we'll be high in the political center of power. When people were attacking and destroying draft boards, they didn't get as up to the IRS as some people are advi

cing not paying taxes. They've thrown barbed wire around the Andover IRS center when we're doing is presenting argu

ments by people who won't pay for Vietnam."

The Committee for Non

and they often sponsored a rally at Andover last Wednesday that is attended by Professor Paul Barknall and one other CNAV mem

ber presented regional IRS officials with propositions by sev

eral hundred tax resisters stating that they either don't pay, they pay to the IRS. Other than that, they would place those funds in escrow until the end of the Vietnam War and earmark them for social service projects. CNAV is also attemp

ting to "restructure the fund" to which citizens divert war levies to invest in domestic util

tie use, such as day-care centers.

man is evident according to the Teachings of Professor Rueff, whom I found when I met him and he enjoyed visitors, including the French someday. But, I failed to understand him."

Wilson did not describe the circumstances of his 1965 visit to Paris in which de Gaulle gave all his audience. However, the Britons should be informed on a scale, did virtue end and sin began at any point above the nil tariff in a low-asymptotic figu

re, say I.

The Committee for Non-Violent Action, APO and Physical Plant, initiated the recycling project. Though some of the cans still remained, it was also noted by monitors near the various stations that obvious signs were ignored by people who threw trash into the recy

cling containers.

The labor and trucking per

sonnel provided by Physical Plant cost $472.13 over the two weeks, and the trash liners cost $13. The credit received for the newspapers (at $5 per ton) was $16.47. Since over $450 was lost on the project, it is unlikely that the groups involved can con

vene the present rate of civilian casualties.

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economic discussion with the French by saying that: "General de Gaulle talked directly to me, Tche French-obsession with Saigon was nil, and any figure above that I may say I fully convinced myself; but not Will Clayto:n.. With few large operations and little bombing in the Quang Nai

s era now, American officials are convinced that either the casual-

ity figures are too high, or that the US bear little responsibility for inflicting them.

Faithful to the shibboleth that the "war is won or lost in the Viet
nam War" advisors doubt the veracity of the figures, even though they were gathered by other Ameri

can officials or Vietnamese pub

lic health officials.

But no trend of increased Vietnamese communist terror-

is evident according to the most recent charts of the Na-

tional Police or records at the Quaker Rehabilitation Center in Quang Nai, a Quaker financed hospital in Vietnam.

These records, based on nu

n swathes with the pa

tients, indicate that American caused casualties have declined somewhat. That this has been taken up by the increased casual

ity figures attributed to ARVN firepower, according to the la

gest figures for August and Sep

tember. These statistics suggest an equal third of the casualties to the Americans, ARVN, and Vi

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Ecology project incurs losses; will not continue

By Fred Gros
As of Friday, November 26, the newspaper and can recycling project has ended.

Initiated by MIT Ecology Action, APO and Physical Plant, the project ran two weeks and collected 37 bags of metal cans and 3% tons of newspaper. These were collected at the student centers, dorms, and Buildings 7 and 16.

The cans had to be dumped, as they were unacceptable to any recycler for any reason. Most of the cans still had paper labels on them, and many were either very dirty or half-filled with such things as milk, cheese, and paint.

The credit received for the newspapers (at $5 per ton) was not paying taxes. They've

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