'Stop deportation,' crowd cries

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each was sentenced to six years of hard labor. However, after the students received widespread popular support in these countries, all three governments allowed them to remain.

An and the other students are seeking temporary political asylum in the United States. They only want to remain in this country, An explained, "until the Paris Peace Agreement is fully implemented." Only then would conditions in South Vietnam be safe enough for them to return without fear of governmental reprisals.

According to An, full implementation of the Paris Peace Agreement in South Vietnam would mean the release of all political prisoners guaranteed democratic liberties, and the freedom to have a legislative government. "Since the Paris Agreement was signed two years ago," An said, "the United States and Saigon have been trying to delay its implementation."

The INS will determine whether to grant An political asylum at a hearing in the near future. "We're waiting for a date of the hearing to be set," said Rockefeller, "and in the meantime we're gathering evidence that shows that An will be persecuted if he returns to South Vietnam."

In early 1972, the INS revoked An's passport and visa for his participation in anti-war demonstrations. Soon thereafter, the State Department informed him that at the request of the South Vietnamese Government his scholarship funding, sponsored by the Agency for International Development, had been terminated.

Since this funding was cut off, the INS has repeatedly attempted to send An and the other students back to South Vietnam. The INS turned down his initial request for political asylum upon the recommendation of the State Department.

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