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the Editor of The News:

All who are fearful of our 20 year Communist bogeymen, may I offer the following comforting developments. First, our fumbling CIA and Defense Department, we have two much allies working to help us—reactionary nationalism. For example: All the nations of Africa have completely and unequivocally rejected not only Chinese Communism, but also the American brand. Indonesia kicked us out, is now busy kicking the Communists. It seems like us and all other nations—they wish to get on themselves. Our bungling Communist enemy also forget the power they overlooked the fact that those so-called primitive fellows of Africa and India have enjoyed the Moslem privilege of being outfitted by our wives and desire to trade this privilege for political Communism or reaction. Rejoice, we have defeated the Communist in Africa and Asia without firing a shot and not American killed, Russia and China are busy fortifying their 6,000 mile Viet Nam, Cuba, that showplace of Communism, is such a farce, that it can export people.

A greater danger exists here at home where we are ignoring a great fact that the longer you hate an enemy, the more you tend to become like him. Have you noticed the growing resemblance of our government to that of the Viet Nam? We have a new secret police, the CIA, accountable to no one. A single political party, so dominant, that any opposition on the national level is a farce. We have a single individual with an immense amount of advisors so powerful that they ignore the constitution and interfere in an undeclared war. We have censored news from Washington; censorship of Viet Nam casualties; and political figures who consider any kind of Communism as a form of treason. Lastly, a growing belief that there is something wrong about the rights of private ownership.

we could just get our forlorn Congressmen to stand up and perform their constitutional duty by declaring that somebody, we might begin to understand what and why we are fighting. Then we will have to believe LBJ and his 7,000 generals who tell us that it is the patriotic thing to do. After all, you want to give up an enemy that was helping you to line your pockets,

100 billion bucks a year? Do you know how many congressmen you can buy, or how many arms you can twist for 10 billion dollars? Someday, we are going to learn that government by popular consensus is a poor basis for sound judgment. For example: After being spoon-fed for 20 years to hate Communism, it is the popular thing to do. So we should logically begin with Cuba; then eliminate Russia and finally destroy 100 million Chinese. But our fearless leaders thought it would be much safer to conquer one of the smallest, poorest and weakest nations on the face of the earth. After watching all our TV war war dramas, it is also popular to assume that all we have to do is to show up on the battlefield and our opponents will drop dead. Somebody forgot to tell LBJ that the Viet Cong army fought the French for 10 years — causing 187,000 casualties. Do we want that many American boys killed and wounded before a sensible attempt is made to negotiate. Why were the American people not told that the Viet Nam offer to negotiate a year ago. Because it was secretly rejected, we have had thousands of Americans killed and wounded for political profit.

If LBJ ever read a little history, he would find that China and Viet Nam have hated each other as enemies for a long time. Have you noticed that not one Chinese has been killed fighting for the Viet Cong. If we just had the good sense to get off their backs, they would be one of our strongest allies against China. If we persist in our present policy, I'm sure that before allowing themselves to be defeated, the Viet Cong will accept Chinese soldiers and then we will be involved in a long and suicidal war. It won't be all bad, though, since 85 percent of our industry is on a government contract and we will have lots of employment and can buy bigger and better cars.

I sincerely believe that every American actually fighting in Viet Nam should be given a medal for bravery and that every congressman should be given a medal for stupidity for allowing one man to send them there.

So far, neither political party has claimed my \$100 contribution for showing one example of successful Communism. Stalin of Russia once correctly stated that the United States is the only country that can afford Communism. So far, the only thing that the Communists have succeeded at, is to prove that when it comes to being political evangelists, they are better bunglers than we are.

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