

"Chiefs of Freedom"

The war in Viet Nam is of prime interest to most North Americans yet it is not frequent that we get the opportunity to directly inquire of the situation from citizens of South Viet Nam. In this feature the Brunswickan talks with two UNB students from South Viet Nam.

Nguyen Van Khai and Nguyen Duy are second year engineering students who moved from North Viet Nam to South Viet Nam with their families after the Geneva agreement of 1954. This settlement allowed people of Viet Nam to migrate to either the pro-Communist North or pro-Western South before the final division of the country was to occur. Lawrence Clarke of the Brunswickan talked with them.

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What is the attitude of the South Vietnamese towards the Americans?

Van Khai

Most people like the Americans, especially the villagers in the countryside. They are very impressed by American kind-

ness. In fact, American soldiers go to villages and distribute presents and gifts. We don't hate the Americans, on the contrary, we're grateful to them.

Duy

I must say that the American soldiers in Viet Nam are very polite and kind to us.

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Do you agree with the US policy in Viet Nam?

Duy

The Americans came to Viet Nam according to proposals made by our government. We called them to help us, but we don't agree to their policy. Sometimes they are arbitrary and don't pay any attention to our discourse which is common to our aspirations, so some people in South Viet Nam and a lot

more in the world condemn them.

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How should the US change its policy?

Duy

It should be the South Vietnamese who have the right and duty to wage war and to make conditions to end war, not the Americans. If the Americans want to help us they will have to stand behind us, but they want to do everything they think is right, and ignore us. The Americans have to give us more chance and more opportunity to talk about war and peace and they have to be silent.

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Should troops be moved into North Viet Nam?

Van Khai

There is some talk that we will send troops to North Viet Nam very soon.

Duy

I do not think it is necessary. It is too dangerous and would start a world war.

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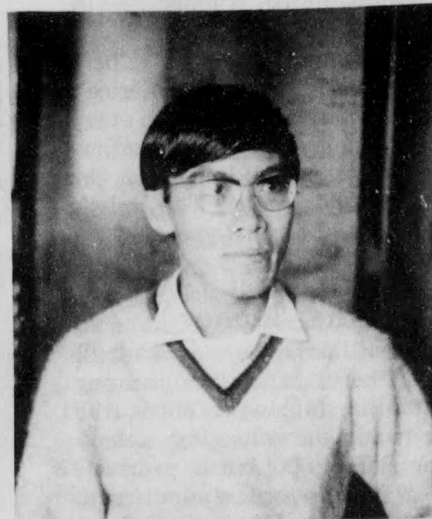
How could South Viet Nam help in the decisions of the war?

Duy

The vast majority of decisions must be made by the Vietnamese government because we know the psychology of the Viet Cong. We know all the statistics of Viet Nam and can predict and have many good ideas about the events and how to solve the problems. Twenty years ago the war started in Viet Nam. We lived with the Communists for a per-



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