

NATIONAL COMMITTEE TO DEFEND THE RIGHTS  
OF SOUTH VIETNAMESE STUDENTS

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Nguyen Tang Huyen is a Vietnamese student graduating with honors in psychology at the University of California, Berkeley. He has been studying in this country since March, 1968, under a scholarship from the U.S. Agency for International Development (A.I.D.). Huyen has been accepted for graduate work in clinical psychology at Case Western Reserve University, but his visa and scholarship expire on July 8, 1972, and he has been informed by A.I.D. that he is required to return to Vietnam. This would mean imprisonment, torture, or even death for Huyen.

Since the Cambodian invasion, hundreds of Vietnamese students living in the United States have begun to speak out against the war and the Thieu dictatorship. Huyen has played a very important role in the San Francisco Bay Area speaking at rallies and teach-ins about the war. "The war should be ended at once," says Huyen. "All foreign war personnel and materials should be withdrawn totally and unconditionally so that we, the Vietnamese, can settle our affairs for ourselves."

Under the terms of his scholarship, Huyen must return to Vietnam for at least two years after receiving his degree. Because of his public opposition to the war, Huyen faces certain imprisonment and torture along with an estimated 100,000 political prisoners now being held in jails and tiger cages in South Vietnam. Speaking out for peace and self-determination has become a crime in South Vietnam under the Thieu regime.

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Rush picture  
Nguyen Tang Huyen



Thieu himself has publicly promised to "beat to death" those asking for "immediate peace" (New York Times, July 16, 1972). This is not an idle threat but a reality for those who voice opposition to the Thieu regime:

- \*\* HUYNH TAN MAM: President of Saigon Student Union, jailed since January 5, 1972, without trial. Tortured so severely that he is now partially blind, deaf and crippled.
- \*\* NGO BA THANH: President of the Women's Committee to Defend the Right to Live, graduate of Columbia University, prominent lawyer. Arrested September 18, 1971, two days after her release from jail. Tortured, carried into court on stretcher, heart condition, denied all visitors.
- \*\* NGUYEN VAN SU: Director of movement for the Right to Live of Orphans and War Victims, arrested February 5, 1972, in raid on orphanage where three orphans were killed and hundreds beaten.
- \*\* HUYNH THE HIEN: Buddhist nun who spoke out against the war. Tortured and killed, March 22, 1972.

The Thieu regime is generally oppressive as well as selectively repressive against individual leaders of the anti-war movement. On March 6, 1972, the police brutally beat many of the thousands of war invalids who marched in the provincial capital of Vinh Long, demanding better living conditions and pensions. One invalid was killed.

In response to these conditions and so that South Vietnamese students in this country can continue to express their opposition to the Thieu regime without fear of reprisals, the NATIONAL COMMITTEE TO DEFEND THE RIGHTS OF SOUTH VIETNAMESE STUDENTS has been formed. We ask that you lend your name to the long list of those who support Huyen in his request for temporary political asylum. We also are asking for



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contributions to pay for the legal defense of Huyen and other South  
Vietnamese students, for the printing of educational leaflets and  
pamphlets, and for other expenses necessary for building a national  
movement of support for the South Vietnamese students.

Thank you for your support.

Vietnam to the Vietnamese!



A P P E A L

By: The Vietnamese Movements and Groups Struggling For Peace, Freedom and Self-Determination

To: American Friends Struggling For Peace in the American Anti-War Movement.

Dear American Friends,

During the last few days, the war has again been greatly escalated in our country. This brings more and more suffering, not only to our families in Vietnam, but also to your families and compatriots in the United States.

The two peoples, American and Vietnamese, have been living under common tragedy because of this prolonged Indochina war which merely fulfills the desires for profits of a small group of American capitalists and imperialists, and a very small group of pro-American Vietnamese. But the majority of American and Vietnamese peoples have condemned this war as barbaric and immoral.

On the basis of this realization, you have courageously stood up to struggle against the plan of escalation and "Vietnamization" of the Indochina war which has been wasting a great deal of American resources and American lives. We too, have demanded that the United States government return Freedom, the Right To Live and Self-Determination to the Vietnamese people.

We wholeheartedly welcome your spirit of sacrifice and courageous struggle, the most representative spirit of the American people!

We wish that in our common struggle, the two peoples, American and Vietnamese, will develop more and stronger solidarity to build-up the spiritual struggle for Peace of the two peoples.

Saigon, April 27th, 1972.

1. People's Front Struggling for Peace.
2. People's Self-Determination Movement.
3. Committee for Reform of the Prison System.
4. Vietnamese Women's Movement for the Right To Live.
5. Hue Women's Movement for the Right To Live.
6. Can-Tho Women's Movement for the Right To Live.
7. Vinh-Binh Women's Movement for the Right To Live.
8. Peasants' Movement for the Right To Live.
9. Saigon University Student Union.
10. Saigon High-School Student Union.
11. Van-Hanh University Student Union.
12. Committee of Teachers and Parents opposing Repression of Students.
13. Committee of Mothers and Relatives of Prisoners.
14. Committee of Mothers of University and High-School Students.
15. Committee of Buddhist University and High-School Students for Democracy & Freedom.
16. Movement of Free Universities.
17. National Student Union.
18. Vietnamese Buddhist Women's Association.
19. Vietnamese Theravada Women's Association.
20. Long-Hoa Buddhist Women's Association.
21. Union of Buddhist Civil Servants.
22. Union of Buddhist Women Teachers.
23. Vietnamese Women's Association.
24. Association for the Protection of Women's Dignity.
25. Hong-Mon Religious Association.
26. Movement for National Coalition Settlement of Viet-Nam.
27. Vietnamese Children & War orphans For The Right To Live.
28. Committee of Youth & Students For the Right To live of the People.
29. Movement for Self-Determined Economy.
30. Union of Private School Teachers.
31. Union of 36 Capital Marketplaces.
32. Committee Struggling for Social Equality.



Washington D.C. June 1, 1972

Dear Yuri,

Just take this chance to write some word wondering how are you all doing up in New York.

Here we are all fine, fetting ourselves pretty much together for actions during the past few weeks. Chris has been arrested twice, and felt in great spirit while being in prison. Yet, we feel much more to be done and try not to be terribly depressed because of Nixon's madness.

I have travelled here and there quite often. Next week, I'll be in New York for 2 days talking to some froup, so-called " Committee to AID the National Liberation Front " (it sounds like another USAID, ouf!) and the other one is some militant and radical feminists *like*

I think perhaps if there is no trouble, I'd/to visit you sometime during Saturday, June 10th, before I return to Washington. If this is convenient to your schedule, please let me know. Or you may contact me through Jean Lawrinze, 212, 598-2407, since she arranged for me stay at her place for two nights. ( or 212, 982-6051 )

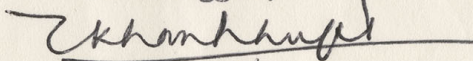
The Indochina Resource Center may close down after August if from now we cannot find enough funds to operate longer; there is some hope that we may keep on until November, but things are not sure yet.

So, it depends/the 'life' of the IRC before we know when we are going to head the West coast. Either at the end of August or November.

I did xerox your article about the "10 U.N!" and sent to our Vietnamese Patriots in France and Canada.

Keep up good work! My warmest regards and best wishes!

In struggle,

  
Khanh-Tuyet,  
(Trân-Khanh-Tuyet)