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That is the name of the game. There is no limit to the number of countries which can play, but countries that decide to play must choose between two sides: U.S. allies or the "enemy." The country must base its decision on whether he wants to be a victim of U.S. imperialism or U.S. aggression. Countries siding with the U.S. are able to receive financial aid, those siding with the enemy are subject to criticism from Spiro Agnew and weekly visits from POW wives. The playing board consists of Southeast Asia. Countries can move their pawns (consisting of troops, jets, and boats) anywhere, except the U.S. may not move jets above the 19th parallel unless the press has been censored. In order to win, there are certain requirements which must be met. The country with the most men killed, the most taxes collected, the most inflation, with the most enemies, and the worst reason for being involved will lose.

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On Abortion

Well, Illinois is sure picking the winners this year: first Paul Powell, and then legalized abortions which was immediately attacked by a bunch of old fuddy-duddies (who probably have about 12 kids at home) and repealed after a fantastic run of about two days. They make it sound evil and cruel by claiming that it destroys a human being, and every woman who has it done should be locked up in some cold, dark basement and whipped to death. Actually, by the third month, which is when most states that allow abortions claim them illegal, the embryo is only 75mm long and weighs only 25 grams, which for those of you that don't happen to have an IPS lab book handy, is about 3 in. and 1/18 of a pound. As a matter of fact, the embryo, if the abortion is a few weeks before the third month, will probably still have its tail and gill markings. It is not until rather close to the third month that the embryo can be distinguished from other mammals, except maybe one of the higher primates (apes, dummy).

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POLITICAL ADVERTISING

It has been stated that only those with money are able to obtain political office. Every politician in office today had a campaign expenditure of thousands of dollars. The higher the office, the more money spent. For positions like U.S. Senator, millions were spent. This definitely shows that only those with enough money can possibly make it into office. The poor, who make up a large percent of the population in America, have no chance for an elected position. Is it fair that those with money rule?

A candidate for office will purchase TV time for advertising. His ads will be seen over and over and will greatly influence the outcome of the election. Thus the person whose finances allow the most television time will have the best chance for victory. Another point can be made. Television in the U.S. is the best (worst) form of brainwashing. If a voter sees and hears a candidate's name repeatedly on TV, he will most likely remember him at the polls even if he doesn't agree with his views! The outcome will be poor representation by a man whose ideas are not favored by the people.

Since the last election, our government has sought ways to stop over-advertising. The best method I feel would be to put a limit on the money that one can spend on political advertising. It would then be the responsibility of the voter to check out the candidates. In this way, the poor of our nation have a better chance for fair representation.

EDITORIAL

About eleven years ago the United States entered an undeclared war in Vietnam, which has since spread to various other countries in Southeast Asia. The supposed reason for entering the war in the first place was to protect the interests of the people of South Vietnam. This may have initially been the case, but if so, the attempted plan has sure backfired. Hardly anything done in the last eleven years has been to the advantage of the people of South Vietnam. The people themselves have been moved from their homes, and have been murdered on occasion. Their forests and fields have been destroyed by the acre with bombs and poisonous chemicals, which also cause birth defects.

If you can rack your brains enough to remember back two weeks ago, you might remember a famous snowball fight during 5th period. No violence, just a lot of fun. But it seems our great administration doesn't like this sort of frolick. So they made fools of themselves and broke it up, and rumor has it that at least one (probably more) students were suspended for their part in the fun. Now tell me, what is wrong with a nice healthy snowball fight once in a while? The type of snow that day does not break windows. Does the administration want the students to take their aggravations out by ripping down the ceilings in school? The next day, the administration again made fools of themselves by posting sentries at each door to discourage would be throwers. OK, so our school disapproves with such fun, but what ground do they have to suspend some students out of fifty? The ones suspended just happened to be the ones caught, and were not necessarily the worst offenders. The present administration is trying hard to improve its image with the students, but they are making it hard for themselves the way they're doing it.

ON ABORTION con't

Encyclopedia Americana defines abortion as, "the expulsion of a fetus before it is capable of carrying on its own life." They also define the three major types of abortions as: artificial or induced, one brought about for medical reasons; accidental; and criminal. Now I'm sure that while thinking of an appropriately revolting definition for criminal abortion, the Americas' definition experts thought up many good ones, but the one they picked is, "criminal abortion is one caused for purely selfish reasons."

The people who have known nothing but farming must now find new trades. Fields open to them are the dealing of dope to soldiers and prostitution.

The people in Vietnam no longer are able to support themselves but are starving. They are being murdered by bombs, chemicals, and rifles. Why is the U.S. in Vietnam? One thing is for sure, not for the people of Vietnam!

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EDITORIAL

About six weeks ago word leaked out that a move into Laos would possibly be made. The Nixon administration tried to cover up the leak the best it could. This cover up was most likely attempted because of the violent reaction of the people of the United States when the move into Cambodia was made. Even though the Nixon administration did its best to cover up the move into Laos press coverage of the move was continued.

For a good flick in the Woodstock style, go see the Rolling Stones in the documentary "Gimme Shelter." It has its tender moments!

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If listening to three hours of guitar and sitar music strikes you as kind of cool, then truck over to the nearest disc shop and pick up on the new George Harrison album "All Things Must Pass"

It should now be apparent that a majority of the people in the U.S. want out of Vietnam. So the question arises, why are we still there? One possibility is that it is one of the few places that the United States still controls in that area. Another reason for staying in Indochina would be that many politicians own or are connected with companies that support the war effort, and withdrawal would be a loss in profits.

The war in Indochina is only a tool for those politicians to live like leeches of the war in Southeast Asia. Some want money and personal things while others want glory for the U.S. Are either of these reasons good enough for those U.S. soldiers who have died, or the lives of South Vietnamese people who are innocently trapped in a war that they neither want nor understand? It is time we stop listening to the stalling of our government and end this war once and for all.

Student Council

If ever anyone had any doubt about the ineffectiveness and ridiculousness of student council, I'm sure that they are all cancelled. Student Council's latest earthshaking monumental activity is the Great Hairy Legs contest pitting class against class in a battle of hairy legged masculinity. The he-man with the most hair on his legs will have his picture taken, blown up, and enshrined for posterity, having proven his class more masculine than the rest. And all this for charity. The whole motive behind this thing is getting money for Care. The voting for the hairiest legs will be on the basis of what class contributes the most money. By giving money to some charity, worthy or not, Student Council shows a tendency to break away from its old, do nothing image, but they lash themselves to it again by some stupid contest. They always have big gimmick for everything and never do they really get serious.

Student Council has no place at York, its decisions do more harm than good. Last year it showed that it could be a good thing, but now its shown itself to be a worthless organization and should be gotten rid of at once.

Double American Standard

Why is it that when the Communist murders at Da Nang were reported, it was labeled "the most gruesome mass murder of our time," but when numerous army heads were called to court on charges of murder and willingly disobeying orders, it was played up as a "justifiable mistake" after the My Lai massacre.

Also, when the brutal truth about the North Vietnamese POW camps was learned, they (the VC) were called (among other things) savages, and heartless animals. But when the infamous "tiger cages" of South Vietnam were publicized, the army shrugged off the whole incident as "not their problem."

Thirdly, whenever the VC go on the offensive, there is much talk of Communist aggression, but during our recent thrusts into Cambodia and Laos, the facts were withheld for as long as possible, and when the truth finally became known, there was a brief exchange of excuses, and that was it!

This appears to me to be an example of the great American double standard and should be remedied as soon as possible. Either something is right or is wrong, there is no in between.

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It has been said the Vietnam is a dead issue. As long as U.S. soldiers are dying in an unpopular war where we have no business being, it must remain foremost in everybody's mind to get us out of there.

The figures for this war are staggering. Never before has such a war been so unpopular, yet so complex, expensive, and tragic. But instead of getting out, we seem to be falling in deeper.

TEN COMMANDMENTS FOR VIETNAM by Martin Luther King

- I. Thou shalt not believe in a military victory.
- II. Thou shalt not believe in a political victory.
- III. Thou shalt not believe that they—the Vietnamese—love us.
- IV. Thou shalt not believe that the Saigon government has the support of the people.
- V. Thou shalt not believe that the majority of the South Vietnamese look upon the Vietcong as terrorists.
- VI. Thou shalt not believe the figures of killed enemies and killed Americans.
- VII. Thou shalt not believe that generals know best.
- VIII. Thou shalt not believe that the enemy's victory means communism.
- IX. Thou shalt not believe that the world supports the United States.
- X. THOU SHALT NOT KILL.

CASUALTY COMPARISONS

War	Battle Dead	Wounded
WW I	53,402	204,002
WW II	291,557	670,846
Korean	33,629	103,284
Vietnam	41,274	272,281

DEFOLIATION IN SOUTH VIETNAM

Acres Treated With
Defoliant and Herbicides

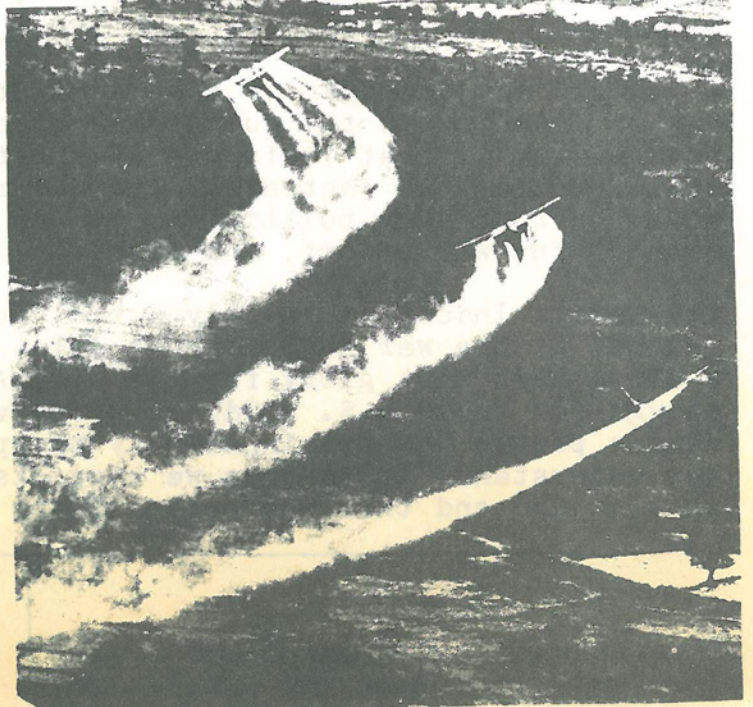
PERIOD	ACREAGE TREATED ¹	COST ²
1962	17,119 (717)	
1963	34,517 (297)	
1964	53,873 (10,136)	
1965	94,726 (49,637)	
1966	775,894 (112,678)	\$12.5
1967	1,700,000 (221,000)	\$38.8
1968	1,900,000 (95,000)	\$45.9
1969	1,300,000 (65,000)	\$70.8

(1) Numbers in parentheses represent acres of crop-producing land. Crop-producing land in South Vietnam totals about 8 million acres.

(2) Figures (in millions) are for the fiscal year indicated.

Chemical Warfare

Few of us here in peaceful Elmhurst (ah-hum) and its surrounds are aware of the biological and chemical warfare being used in great extent by the U.S. in Indochina and its effects on the ecology. The type of warfare I am referring to is the deliberate spraying of plants, trees and crops for various military reasons.



This action began around 1961 with aerial spraying of the foliage surrounding roads to insure against guerrillas attacking vehicles. Government officials claimed this to be an effective weapon. By 1969, 12% of Vietnamese soil had been defoliated. Our government continued with deliberate spraying of crops supposedly used by the Communists Ho-hum. Let us not forget the South Vietnamese people, who our men are supposedly dying for, whose crops those are and whose entire income rests on their production.

What our government fails to see is that the true victim of our attacks will be the people of South Vietnam. In areas where food crops are sprayed to deny food for the enemy, the enemy will take what food there is leaving the women and children hungry. With malnutrition comes disease such as beri-beri, anemia, and kwashiorkor. Our spraying will permanently affect certain ecosystems existing within Vietnam. Biological food chains will be disrupted in one part hurting the rest. Industrial complexes are also hurt. Many rubber trees around Saigon and one-third of all rubber trees in Cambodia (the highest yielding area of the world) have been damaged. Most of these were caused by drift

of the chemicals due to wind. Each year, our government must give out millions of dollars for compensation to claims for damaged property. Worse yet is the long range effects of 2,4,5-T. It has been shown that doses of 2,4,5-T during early stages of pregnancy increase the number of deformities.

Do you know the meaning of these words?

- incursion
- pre-emptive strike
- protective reaction
- pacification
- Vietnamization
- military advisors
- tactical air support
- logistic support
- helicopter rescue teams etc.

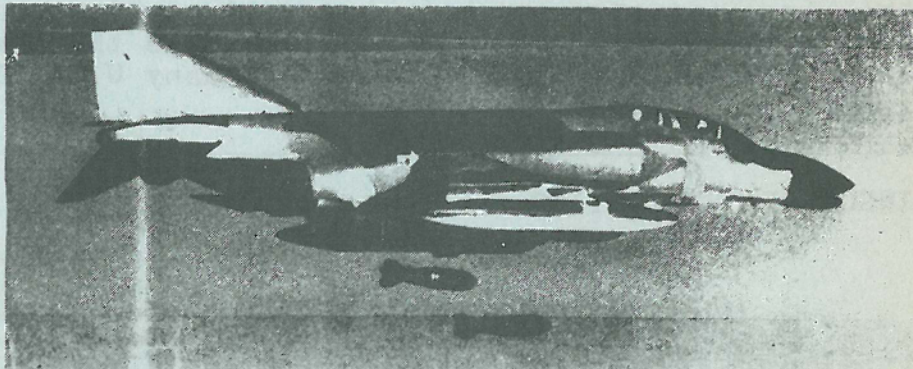
If you don't know the definitions to these words, that's all right because most people don't and it is for this reason that they are used. The Nixon administration is throwing up a smoke screen of vague indefinable words to hide the fact that the war in Vietnam is swelling and growing and that the U.S. is sinking in deeper and deeper.

It's been almost a year since the first U.S. "incursion" into Cambodia and almost that long since it has been illegal for U.S. ground combat troops to be there. Yet now it has been discovered that U.S. servicemen are there now, some even running around in civilian clothes and that they have always been there. Melvin Laird, our Sec. of Defense went on TV to say that there are no U.S. troops in Cambodia and there have been none since the passage of the Cooper-Church Amendment. He later had to change this statement when newspapers printed pictures of U.S. armed troops walking around Cambodian airfields. Laird then announced that these men were not combat troops, no, they were only instructors and repairmen for machinery and they did not fight. Well, at least one of these "instructors" is dead and the mechanics are walking around carrying guns looking ready for action.

And now, new facets of the war appear. The S. Vietnamese army, making its debut as the scourge of S.E. Asia, invades Laos in an effort to smash the Ho Chi Minh Trail once and for all. And again, the Nixon administration denies the many reports that U.S. soldiers have been helping their allies out. Of course, they say, there are U.S. helicopters carrying S. Vietnamese troops into Laos, and well yes, they do have guns, and maybe they do fire at the enemy to protect themselves and yes they do bomb and strafe a little and so it finally comes out that U.S. helicopters are bombing the Hades out

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Bombing



"We're going to bomb them back into the Stone Age."

That interesting little statement was made by General Curtis LeMay speaking about U.S. bombing of Vietnam. He was probably thinking of our B-52 bombing of Vietnam which has changed rice paddies and forests into a lunar landscape. Each 500-750 lb. bomb creates a crater up to 45 feet across and 30 feet deep. The land inside the crater and the area around the outside are useless for crops. In 1967 and 1968 alone we dropped more than 3,500,000 such bombs in Vietnam. If the craters from our bombing were placed end to end they would form a ditch 30,000 miles long. The Earth has a circumference of only 24,000 miles. These craters occupy an area of nearly 100,000 acres which will be unusable for crops for quite a while. The jungles of New Guinea are still crater filled from bombs dropped there 25 years ago. Forests are also destroyed by our bombs. Fires, some deliberately set and others started by bombs or napalm, have destroyed more than 40% of the Vietnamese pine plantations and an undetermined amount of hardwood forest. Shrapnel is imbedded in trees during fighting as well as from strafing and bombing. Already, sawmills a major part of the Vietnamese economy, are losing from one to three hours a day repairing saw blades damaged by shrapnel in the wood.

These statistics will show you exactly what our government is doing. The U.S. has dropped more bombs on Vietnam, both north and south, than the total bombs dropped by all the Allied forces in all theatres of WWII by twice that amount. At the end of 1969 the Vietnam figure stood at 4,377,464 tons, while on Japan, Germany and all other enemy territory, the Allied forces dropped 2,057,244 tons. We have dropped 250 lbs. of bombs for every man, woman, and child in North and South Vietnam, and over 35 tons of bombs for every square mile of territory in all of Vietnam. (Please remember that these statistics were before 1970 and do not include the reactivation of North Vietnamese bombing or the massive bombing of Laos.)

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of Laos while S. Vietnamese lose on the ground and need many more troops and tactical air support to keep from getting whipped. And all the while the Nixon administration emphatically denies that there are U.S. ground troops in Laos. Well maybe so, but while they talk U.S. helicopters drop like flies out of Laotian skies and many U.S. fliers end up on the ground - dead!

INDOCHINA STATISTICS

Year	CASUALTIES					NLF and North Vietnam Killed	VIETNAM WAR COST	
	United States		South Vietnam		"Allied" Killed		Fiscal Year	Cost (\$Billions)
	Killed	Wounded	Killed	Wounded				
1960	—	—	2,223	(³)	—	5,669	1961-65	\$ 10
1961	11	3	4,004	8,000	—	12,133	1965-66	20
1962	31	78	4,457	7,300	—	21,158	1967	20
1963	78	411	5,665	12,000	—	20,575	1968	25
1964	147	1,039	7,457	16,700	1	16,785	1969	25
1965	1,369	6,114	11,243	23,665	31	35,436	July-Dec. '69	10
1966	5,008	28,614	11,953	20,975	566	55,524		\$110 Billion
1967	9,378	52,969	12,716	29,448	1,105	88,104		
1968	14,592	92,820	27,915	70,696	979	181,149		
1969	9,414	70,216	21,758	65,034	866	156,594		
1970*	1,246	20,017	(³)	(³)	194	24,934		
	41,274 ¹	272,281	109,391	253,818 ²	3,742	618,061		

* As of April 4, 1970.

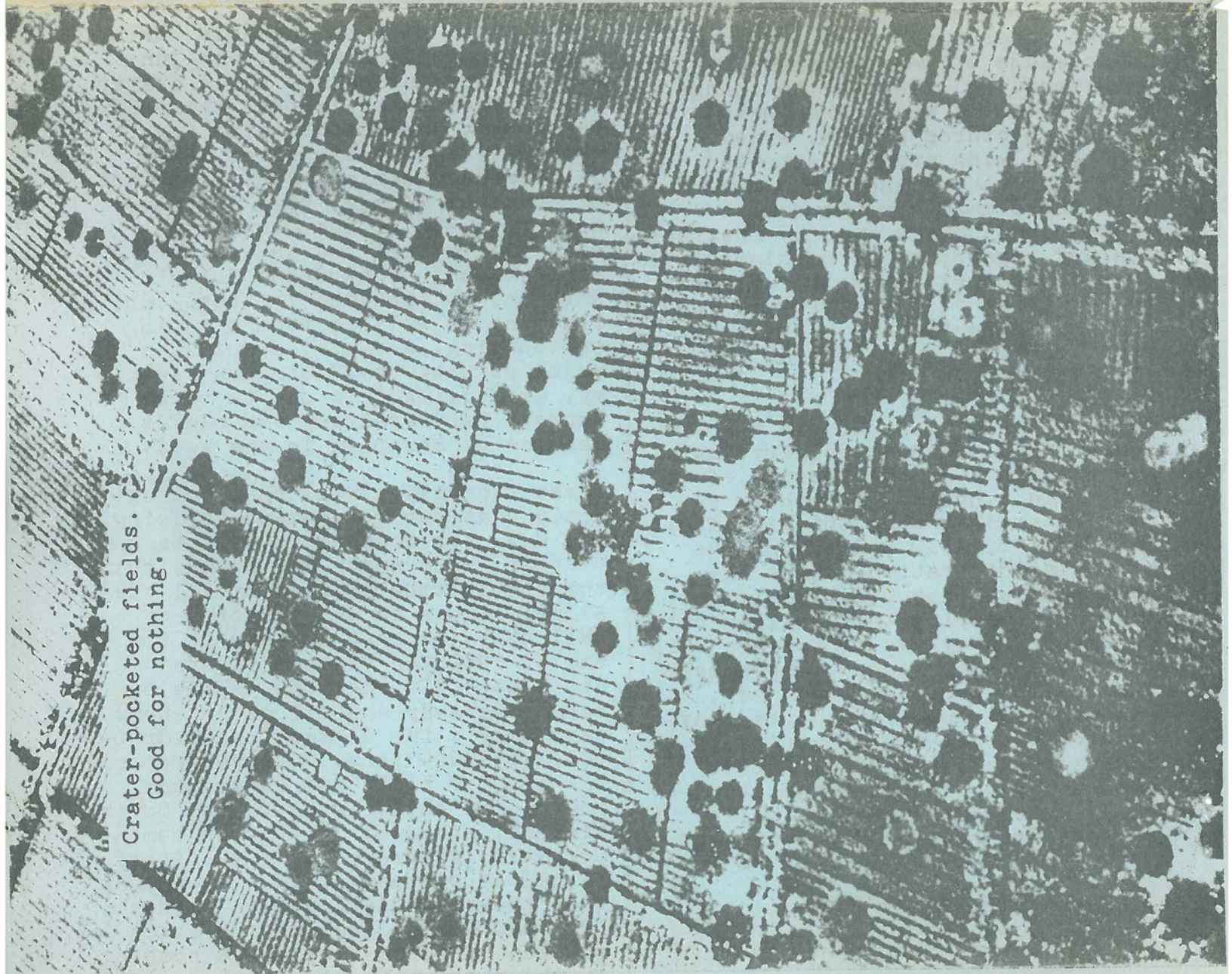
¹ Does not include 7,750 accidental deaths, which raises total U.S. dead in Vietnam to 49,024.

² Figure represents the total of "seriously wounded" only for the period January 1, 1960 through December 31, 1969.

³ Figures not available.

BOMB TONNAGE
DROPPED ON VIETNAM

Period	Tons of Bombs
1965	315,000
1966	512,000
1967	932,763
1968	1,431,654
1969	1,186,047
1970	117,675
	4,495,139



Crater-pocketed fields.
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