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Better to fight them over there than here ?

The above is the argument most frequently used to justify the presence of Australian troops in Vietnam. Many people sincerely advance it.

It is an argument that has been used by every aggressor in history; always, before an attack on another country, the powers-that-be have pointed to a

danger threatening the homeland from outside and put forward the argument—**BETTER FIGHT THEM THERE THAN HERE.**

This "reason" has been the beginning of many wars, never the ending of one. It will not end the Vietnam war, but can only extend it.

It is well known that Hitler justified his aggression that caused millions of deaths and terrible destruction by just such a claim—Germany was threatened from outside.

Some claim that China threatens Australia, and thousands of Vietnamese women and children are killed as a result, for not even the United States claims that Chinese troops are in Vietnam.

The United States, on their own admission, have sufficient weapons to kill everybody in the world some 40 times over, so clearly no aggression against the U.S.A. or Australia (with treaty agreement with the U.S.A.) could possibly succeed.

If we claim the right to fight in another country to stop them coming here, then they too can claim the right to fight here to stop us going there. IF WE SAY THE MEKONG RIVER, THEY CAN SAY THE BRISBANE RIVER.

And let us not forget—Their troops are **not on the Brisbane River** but Australian and United States troops are **on the Mekong.**

We are making enemies of Asian people instead of friends!

There are no Vietnamese troops outside Vietnam nor Chinese troops outside China.

A struggle is being waged by the people of Vietnam to decide the kind of Government they will have.

There is only one Vietnam, not two, as the apologists for aggression like to claim.

A study of Vietnam's history will clearly prove this.

Let the people of Vietnam work out their own way of life.

That's the democratic thing for us to do.

Vietnam for the Vietnamese!

Australia for the Australians!

If everybody claims the right to fight outside their borders against systems or people they don't like then the world will be constantly in the flames of war.



Clearly Australian troops must be got out of Vietnam at the earliest opportunity.