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'Our Noble Intentions'

I am mystified by your editorial stance on Red China. I can only understand it as some sort of 1984 Doublethink. On May 14, you state: "Red Chinese leaders do not consider their participation in North Viet Nam's attack on South Viet Nam as an act of war. It is not provocation, in Red China's lexicon, to export subversion and revolution with the objective of overthrowing established governments wherever possible." You are doctrinally correct. But the 250,000 troops in Viet Nam are American, not Chinese. The air raids are American, not Chinese. Those are American warplanes which fly within a minute's time of the Chinese border and not vice versa. The American CIA role in subverting the peaceful solution of the Geneva Accords is never discussed in the popular press. So what then are the alternatives when you've been denied the ballot box? You call it an act of war. The other side calls it revolution.

There is no doubt in my mind about the sincerity of American desires for peace. Our intentions are very noble, indeed. But who needs them when they come ringed with the fury and terror of war?

William Hobbs

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