

through which where bombing was hard to carry out effectively. During the years the US° has not simply been fighting No.° V° and the Viet Cong Vietcong without the arms and equipment and help from Russia and China. These forces would have been destroyed long ago.

One clear evidence of this was the fact that when the Czechs began to make an effort to get freedom from Russian tyranny one of their complaints was the great amount of munitions that they were required to send to No° KV° and the corresponding strain ~~that~~ upon the civilian economy of the nation. If this was true of Czecho-Slovakia it was doubtless equally true of all the other Communist countries. Johnson thought he could carry out the war on a low enough pitch that he would not give Russia or China a valid would not anger them to where they might start WW°III and yet to carry ;it through successfully to put an end to ~~NO°~~North Vietnamese and Viet ~~cong~~ Cong aggression. It is true that this could be done. In the course of ten or fifteen years there's no question but what the US° could do it, using the same amount of force as Johnson was using, ^{say} /even before the greater part of the build-up. However, as years go by, and ~~there is a constant~~ there are constantly individuals being killed in Vietnam, individuals are taken prisoner, and individuals return home crippled for life, more and more people say, ~~What is~~ "What is being accomplished by it? What is the use of it?" It then becomes f very easy for demagogues or Communist sympathizers to play on these feelings, to say, "We should just forget the whole thing and withdraw."

The great mistake that Johnson made ~~is~~ was in not releasing strong propaganda to arouse e the Amer° people against the terrible atrocities that were constantly being committed by the Viet Cong. There is no question of the nature of these ~~atroc-~~it atrocities. Even magazines, quite liberal in their viewpoint, have given abundant evidence of what the attitude of the Viet Cong and the North Vietnamese have has been. In addition, there is the attitude of the North Vietnamese about prisoners /~~prisoners~~ of war. Under the laws of civilized warfare nations are required to give out a list of those who are prisoners of war and to allow neutral inspection of how