



INDOCHINA

IN THE YEAR OF

THE PIG - 1971



Cora Weiss, Peacenik *Extraordinaire*.

Dedicated to Cora Rubin Weiss for her lifetime achievements as a peace and social justice warrior “working for peace” against American capitalism, militarism, imperialism and colonialism. Her work for peace is widely recognized. Only a nominee for the Nobel Peace Prize, she has received “Peace” awards from Yale Divinity School, Manhattan College, New Jersey Peace Action, Phelps Stokes Fund for Africa and the Institute for International Research, Rome.

Sweet, sweet Cora she is not. POW Jim Mulligan said visitors like Cora were “dumb American broads.”¹ Cora Weiss was a red diaper baby, a lifelong apparatchik of the communist left. She claims My Lai Peace Park in Vietnam is a model for peace.

Her greatest honor was Hanoi granting her the English language copyright of General Dung’s *Our Great Spring Victory* (how Hanoi conquered Saigon). During the war, Weiss organized multiple meetings with America’s enemy in Hanoi, Paris, Jakarta, Toronto, Laos, and Stockholm in support of Hanoi propaganda.

Hanoi created and Weiss ran the Committee of Liaison with the Families of Prisoners Detained in Vietnam (COLIFAM). Controlling POW mail, visitors, and releases, she extorted some POWs and their families into spouting Hanoi propaganda. Cora Weiss once sent POW mothers a cartoon of thousands of gravestones, captioned “For Mother’s Day.”² She skillfully organized many “peace” coalitions, e.g. Women Strike for Peace, the New Mobe and Peoples’ Coalition for Peace and Justice (PCPJ). She played major roles in both Bill Zimmerman’s Medical Aid to [to communist troops in] Indochina and the Hayden/Fonda’s Friendshipment defending reeducation camps and forced migrations.

At the Riverside Church Disarmament Program, she frequently met with Soviet KGB officers Yuri Kupralov, Sergei Paramonov, Sergei Divilkovsky and Vladimir Shustov,³ also Cuban intelligence agents and Nicaraguan communist Sandinistas.

¹ James Mulligan, *The Hanoi Commitment*, Virginia Beach: RIF Marketing, 1981, 260, 262, 265, 129 cited in Craig Howes, *Voices of the Vietnam POWs*, New York: Oxford University Press, 1993, 170n25.

² Cora Weiss to Dear Friends, COLIFAM, June 8, 1971.

³ Emerson Vermatt, “Obama’s Preferred Future Spy Chief Leon Panetta Supported Communist-Linked Anti -CIA Think Tank,” *Militant Islam*

Through her merger of SANE/Freeze into Peace Action, she supported a nuclear freeze to retain Soviet nuclear superiority in Europe and criticized Soviet dissidents imprisoned for protesting against Soviet nuclear weapons. Hired by Rev. William Sloan Coffin, she directed Riverside Church Disarmament Program favoring disarmament everywhere except among Marxists revolutionaries. In Nicaragua, she supported the communist Sandinistas and opposed counterrevolutionaries, the “Contras.” She opposed a noncommunist challenge to Leninist Robert Mugabe in Zimbabwe. In South Africa, she aided the communist influenced African National Congress.

Cora Weiss, a secular Jew, allied with communist Soviet influenced or controlled religious front groups, including World Council of Churches, National Council of Churches, Clergy and Laity Concerned, National Council of Churches,⁴ Church World Service and Interfaith Council.

In 2003, Weiss said both “unsubstantiated charges of a nuclear build up in the North” and American militarism, troops and a nuclear umbrella, had thwarted peace in Korea.

FOIA releases of the FBI and CIA leave little doubt of her loyalty to “working for peace,” code words for a communist agent, paid or unpaid.

Monitor, January 9, 2009,

<http://www.militantislammonitor.org/article/id/3807>

⁴ *Information Digest*, December 29, 1978, 417.

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Introduction – Indochina in the Year of the Pig

Vietnamization. In 1971, the U.S. accelerated withdrawal of U.S. troops in South Vietnam in response to signs of progress in Vietnamization. In country forces had declined to 156,800 from the 1969 high of 543,000. Improved equipment, recruitment, training and morale of South Vietnamese troops were evident. Popular and People's Self-Defense Forces and the National Police had improved village security allowing ARVN concentration on Hanoi's main force units. Confident South Vietnamese forces launched major military campaigns in cooperation with anticommunist forces in Laos and Cambodia. Nationwide elections in 98 percent of villages improved the legitimacy of the regime, but in the election of President Thieu opponents were driven or dropped out. Billions of U.S. dollars flooded and distorted markets, maintained high inflation, a thriving black market and corruption most evident in currency exchange rates, the PX system, military clubs and open messes. American desertion and drug abuse increased among idle, residual U.S. forces.

The Cooper-Church Amendment prohibited U.S. personnel from going into communist sanctuaries in Cambodia and Laos. U.S. advisers were detached from ARVN forces moving into the enemy's safe havens. ARVN was on its own except for USA support inside South Vietnam.

LAOS. Lam Son 719, an ARVN operation into Laos during February and March was bold, risky, ill-prepared, and compromised. Foggy weather, mountainous terrain, muddy and rutted roads, a better-equipped and manned enemy, and mistakes in Saigon and by some commanders created costly delays and high initial casualties. Operation Lam Son 719 was designed to interdict Communist supply lines along the Ho Chi Minh trail. Great quantities of supplies were ultimately destroyed and some NVA units suffered horrific casualties. Hasty withdrawing airlifts of South Vietnamese created negative press coverage, the old narrative about South Vietnamese competence and cowardice. ARVN performed remarkably well over great odds.

CAMBODIA. Meanwhile in Cambodia Prime Minister Lon Nol, who had displaced Prince Norodom Sihanouk (perhaps on Sihanouk's direction) the previous year, continued the fight against invading North Vietnamese and the communist Khmer Rouge. CBS coverage of NVA and Khmer Rouge slaughter in Baray, Cambodia falsely blamed American B-52 bombing for civilian casualties instead of Khmer Rouge using artillery on thousands of civilian refugees and portrayed