

Let's Review the Korean War

- Why did the United States enter the Korean War?
- Why did China enter the Korean War?
- What does the 38th Parallel do?
- What is the Domino Theory?
- What is the DMZ?
- Who won the Korean War?

Korea and 38th Parallel



China

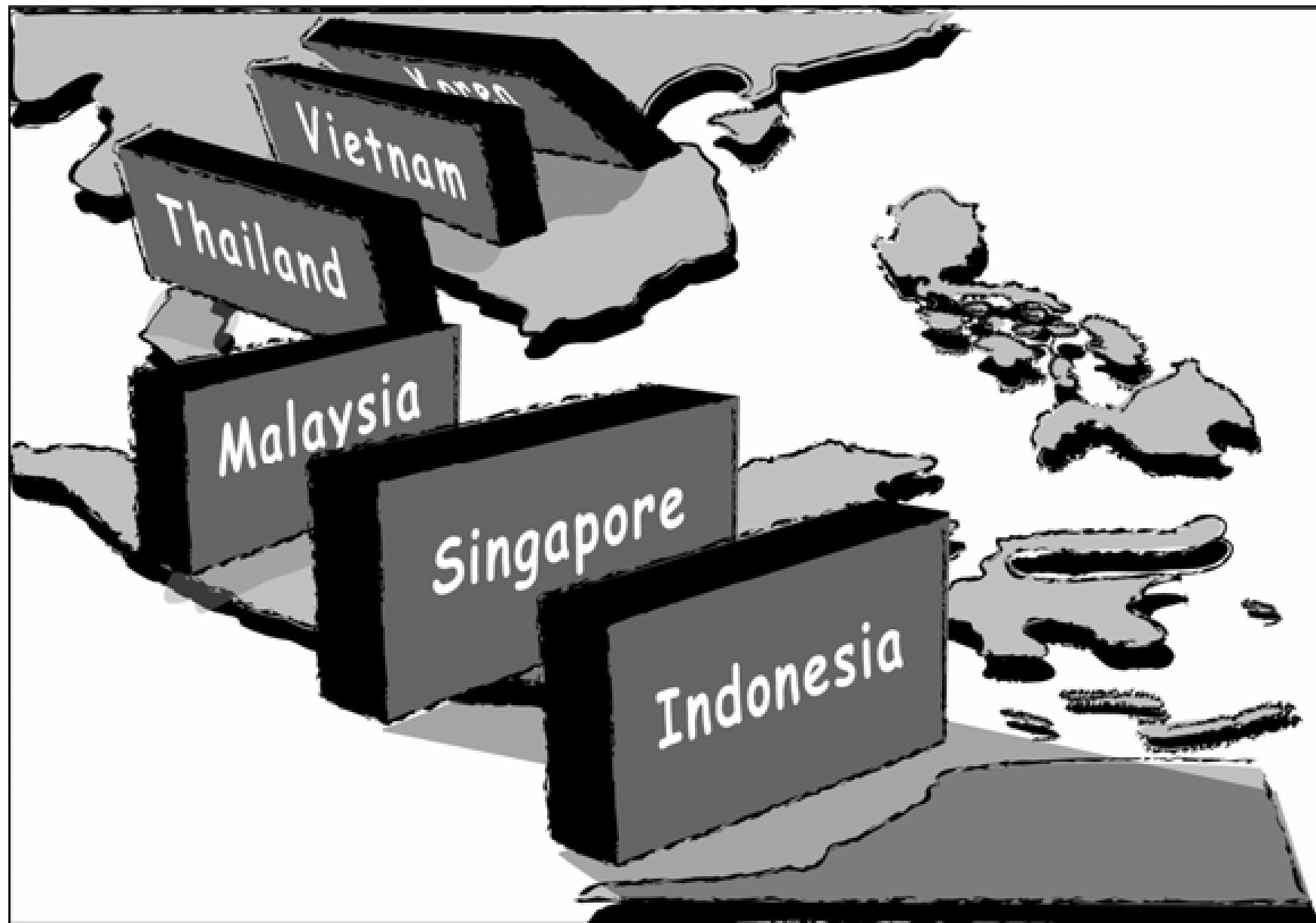
North Korea

★ Pyongyang

38th Parallel

Seoul ★

South Korea



THE VIETNAM WAR

1965 - 1973

Why did the United States get involved in the war?

How did this war change Vietnam?

How did this war change the USA?











Vietnam and 17th Parallel

**Communist
North**

• Haiphong

17th Parallel

**Divided by
Geneva
Accords
1954**

Vietnam

• Saigon

**Non-
Communist
South**



Ho Chi Minh



- Communist leader in North Vietnam
- Started the **Viet Minh** - the communist party of North Vietnam
- Studied tactics of Mao
- Seize land & redistribute to peasants
- Use guerilla tactics by using **Viet Cong**: communist living in South Vietnam

Ho Chi Minh



- Won support of the Peasants
- “Robin Hood” figure
- Troop behavior:
 - No damage to crops
 - No damage to belongings
 - Buy or borrow supplies
 - Do not steal from locals
 - Help with daily work

South Vietnam President Diem



- US backed leader in South
- 1955 -1963
- Opposite of Ho Chi Minh:
 - People didn't like him
 - Unrest & protest
- A Catholic that persecuted Buddhists
 - 85% of South were Buddhist

South Vietnam President Diem



- Persecution of Buddhists lead to several public suicides
- Treatment of Buddhists and other policies lead to Diem's assassination in 1963

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CAN VIETNAM STAND ALONE?

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US troops get involved



- 1964 US Navy was attacked in the Gulf of Tonkin in Northern Vietnam
- President Johnson asks US Congress for permission to wage war against North Vietnam
- Johnson sends ground troops into South Vietnam

Viet Cong & Ho Chi Minh trail



- Viet Cong were South Vietnamese communists that were controlled by the North
- Hid among South Vietnamese
- Used guerilla tactics
- Ho Chi Minh trail :
 - soldiers, supplies from North to South through Laos & Cambodia

Viet Cong Guerilla Tactics



- Hide in tunnel complexes in villages
- Street bombings
- Hide with civilians & peasants
- Booby traps
- Ambush in jungles

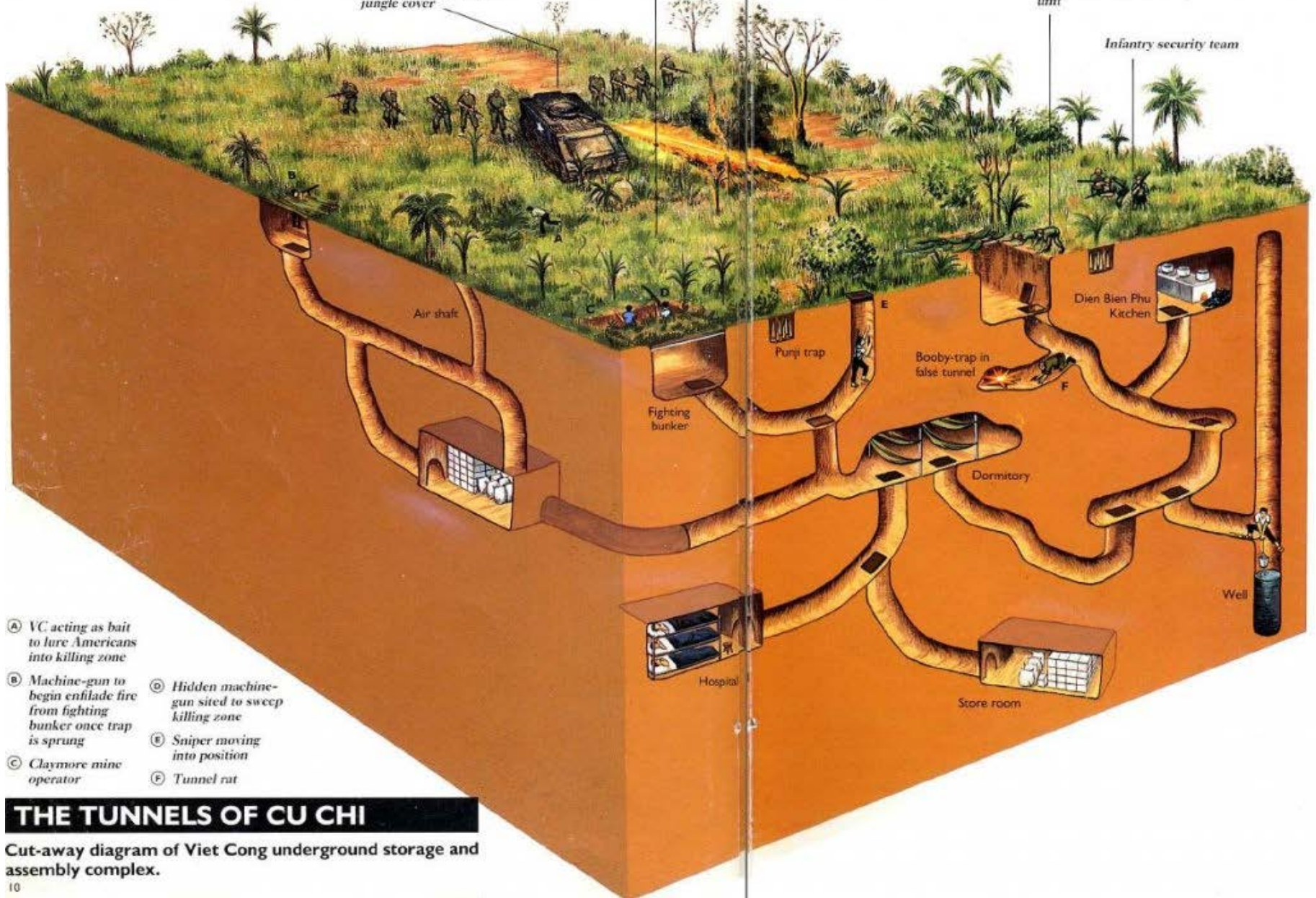
US mechanized team searching for VC

M113 armoured personnel carrier equipped with flamethrower attempting to burn-off jungle cover

VC-installed claymore mines in killing zone

Tunnel rat surface unit

Infantry security team



THE TUNNELS OF CU CHI

Cut-away diagram of Viet Cong underground storage and assembly complex.



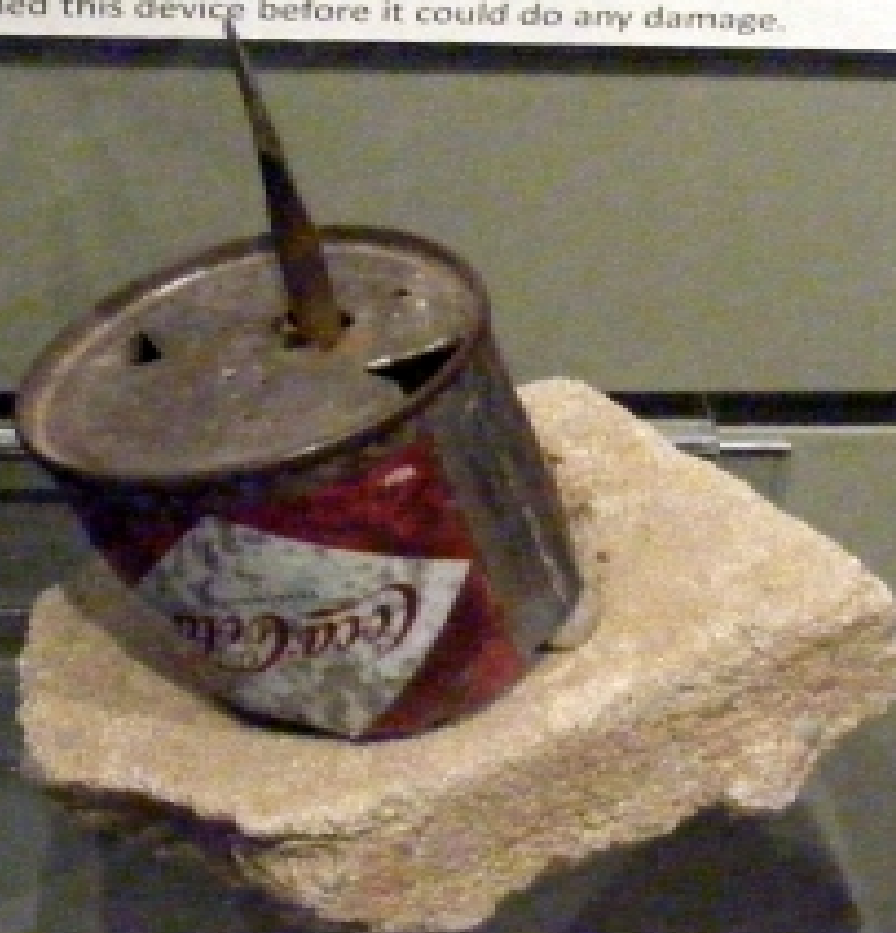




Viet Cong Booby Trap

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This type of booby trap was placed just under the surface of water in rice paddies and wetlands. The Coke can hid the spike which connected to a grenade below the concrete block. When stepped on, the spike penetrated the boot and foot. Jerking the foot up would detonate the explosive. Cpl Paul Marquis discovered and disarmed this device before it could do any damage.









US responds to jungle war



- US sprays chemical defoliants
 - Agent Orange
- Kill trees and bushes
- Less places for Viet Cong to hide
- Birth defects for Vietnamese children & diseases among soldiers



Napalm: jellied gasoline





Opinions about Vietnam War begin to change at home

- The first war to be seen on TV every night
- The first war to be seen in photos in daily and weekly newspapers and magazines
- Protests begin at home

South Vietnamese General executes Viet Cong prisoner during the Tet Offensive













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America's own "Cultural Revolution"







Jane Fonda “Hanoi Jane”

- Actress goes to North Vietnam
- Talks to North about how bad the USA is in the war
- North uses Fonda as propaganda to demoralize US soldiers fighting in Vietnam

**What do you do if
you don't have
enough soldiers to
fight in the war?**



THE DRAFT LOTTERY



Using the DRAFT to fight the war



- Not enough volunteers to fight
- Use a draft of available men
- Draft based on :
 - Number for a birthdate
 - Random abc order
- 70,000 fled to Canada to escape the war

Burning Draft Cards





58,000 dead US soldiers changes moods at home

**The USA's mood:
The public's view of the most important
problem facing the country,
according to Gallup Poll results
1961-68**

1961	Prices and inflation
1962	War, peace and international problems
1963	Racial problems
1964	Integration
1965	Vietnam
1966	Vietnam
1967	Vietnam
1968	Vietnam



Vietnamization

- US Troops withdraw slowly
- Hand over control to South Vietnam
- Paris Peace treaty between North & South
January 27, 1973
- Last US troops leave March 29, 1973
- Full scale war begins again in 1975 as North
Vietnam takes over all of Vietnam
- Saigon falls & name changes to Ho Chi Minh City

Chronology- place the following events in the correct order



March 1970 Nixon ordered the invasion of Cambodia

March 1972 North Vietnam launched an invasion of the South

Christmas 1972 a cease-fire was agreed between the USA and the North

November 1968 LB Johnson lost the US election to Richard Nixon.

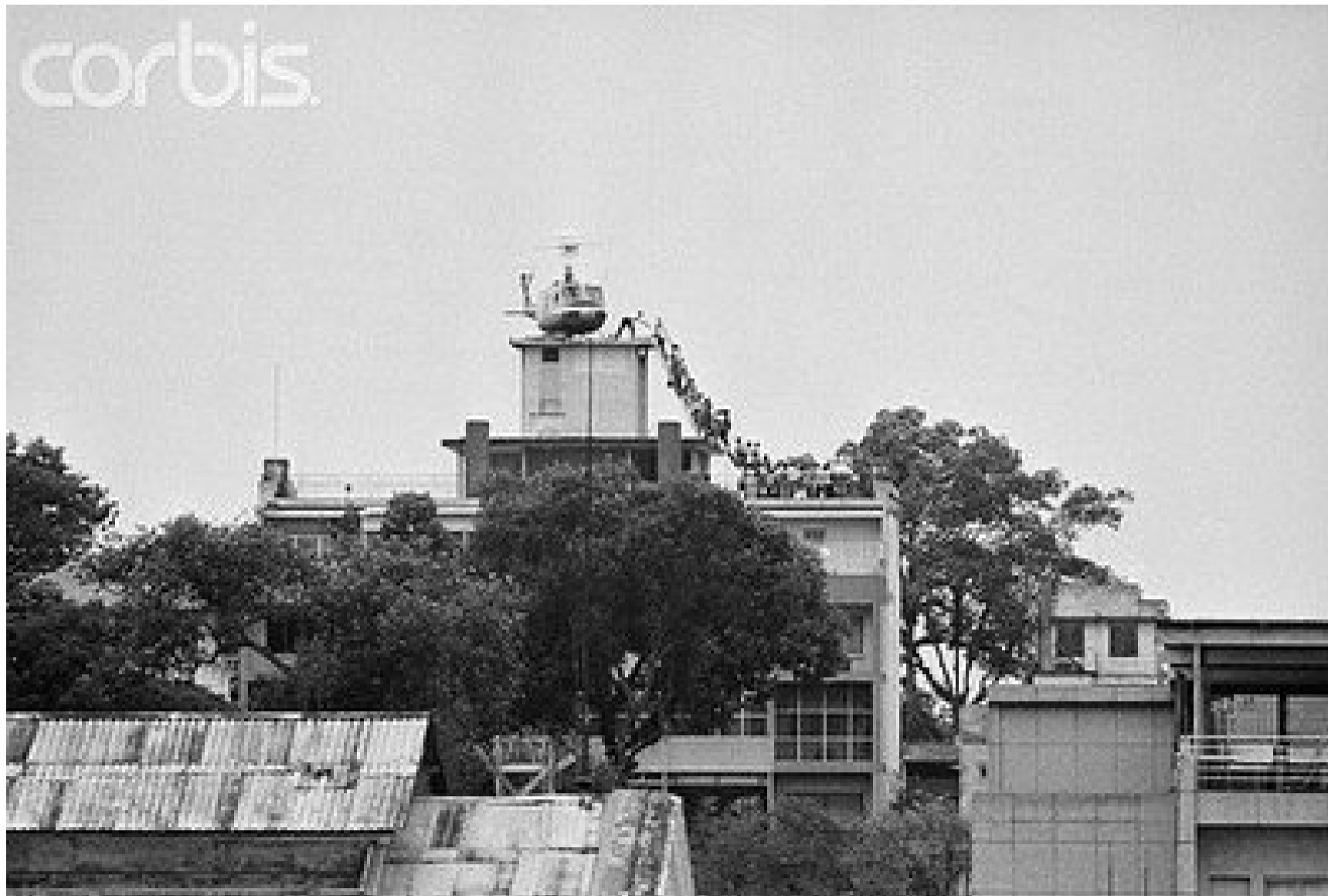
June 1969 Nixon began to withdraw US troops from Vietnam

Fall of Saigon 1975





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US Involvement in Vietnam War

- Why did we get started in the war?
- What proved to be difficult for US soldiers fighting in Vietnam?
- How did attitudes and opinions back home bring an end to the war?
- How did the US end the war in Vietnam?
- What impact did a Communist Vietnam have on its neighbors?

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Timeline:
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The Cold War