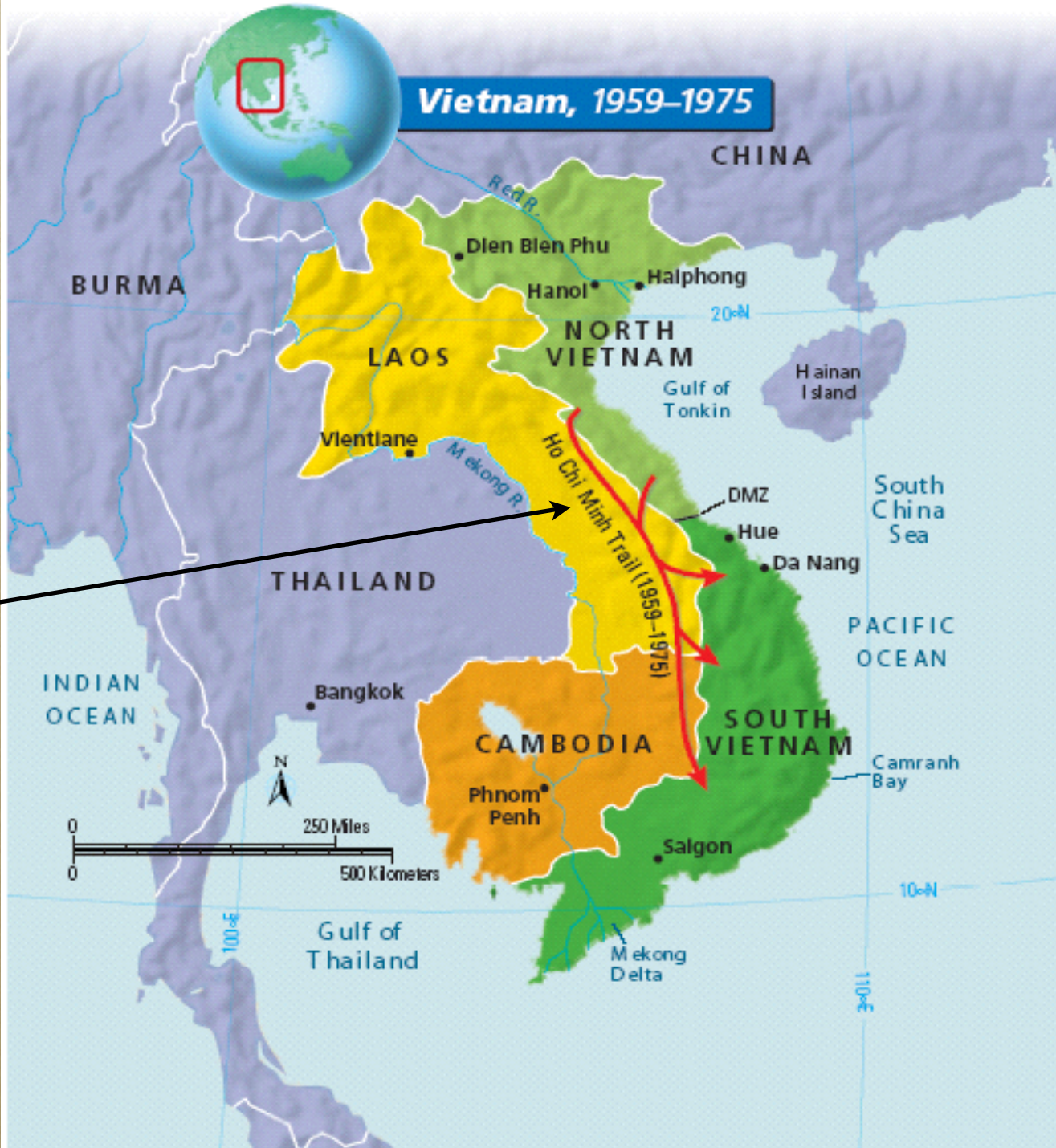


The Vietnam Conflict

Escalation & Issues

*Ho Chi Minh Trail...
20 years
in the making*

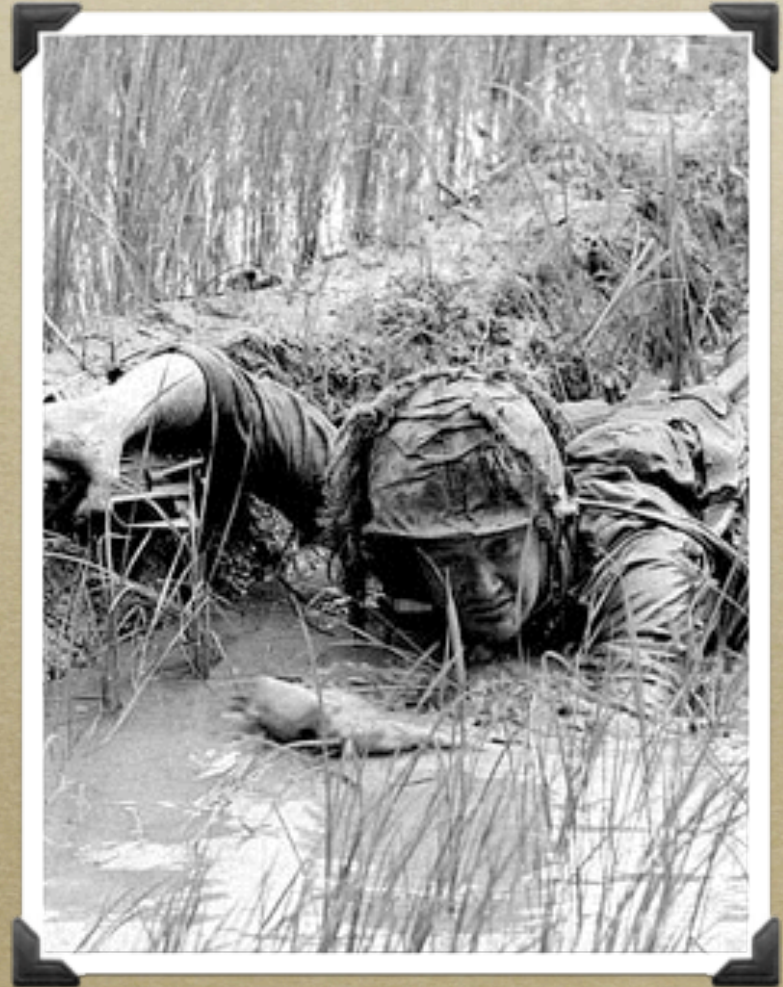


Escalating the War

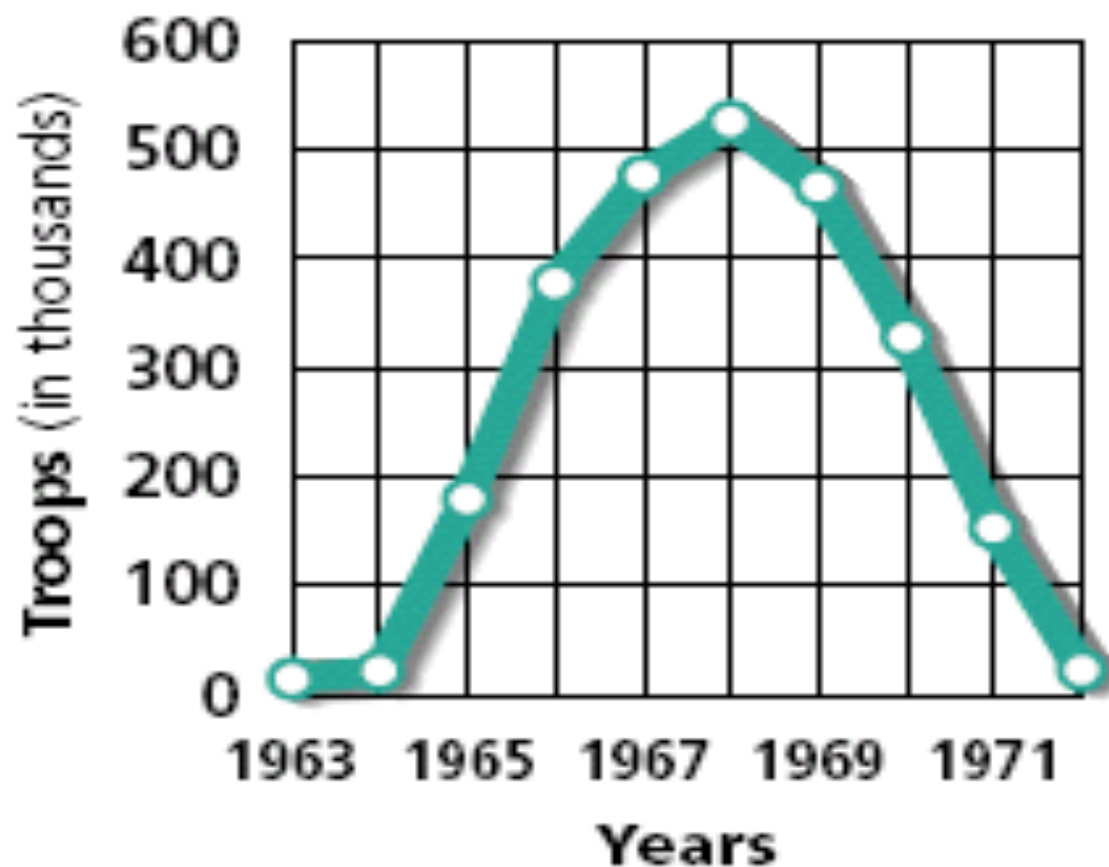
*Johnson escalates
the war:*

*-US military
presence rapidly
accelerates*

-US goals unclear



U.S. Troops in Vietnam



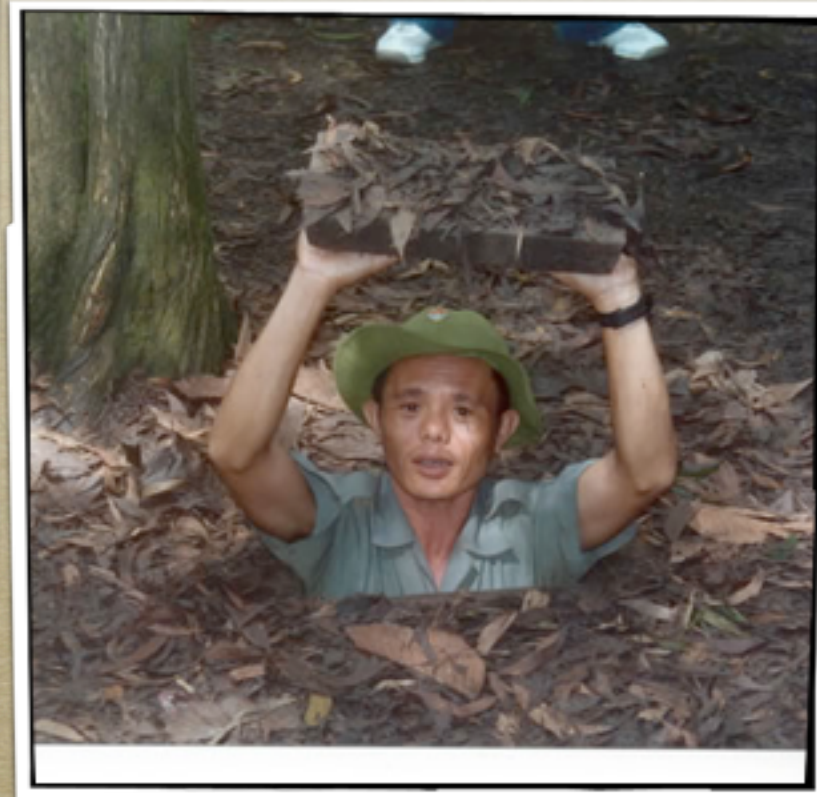
Source: Stanley I. Kutler,
Encyclopedia of the Vietnam War

Vietnamese Tactics

- *5 to 1 1 in 5*
- *War of attrition*
- *Guerilla warfare*
- *Peasants*



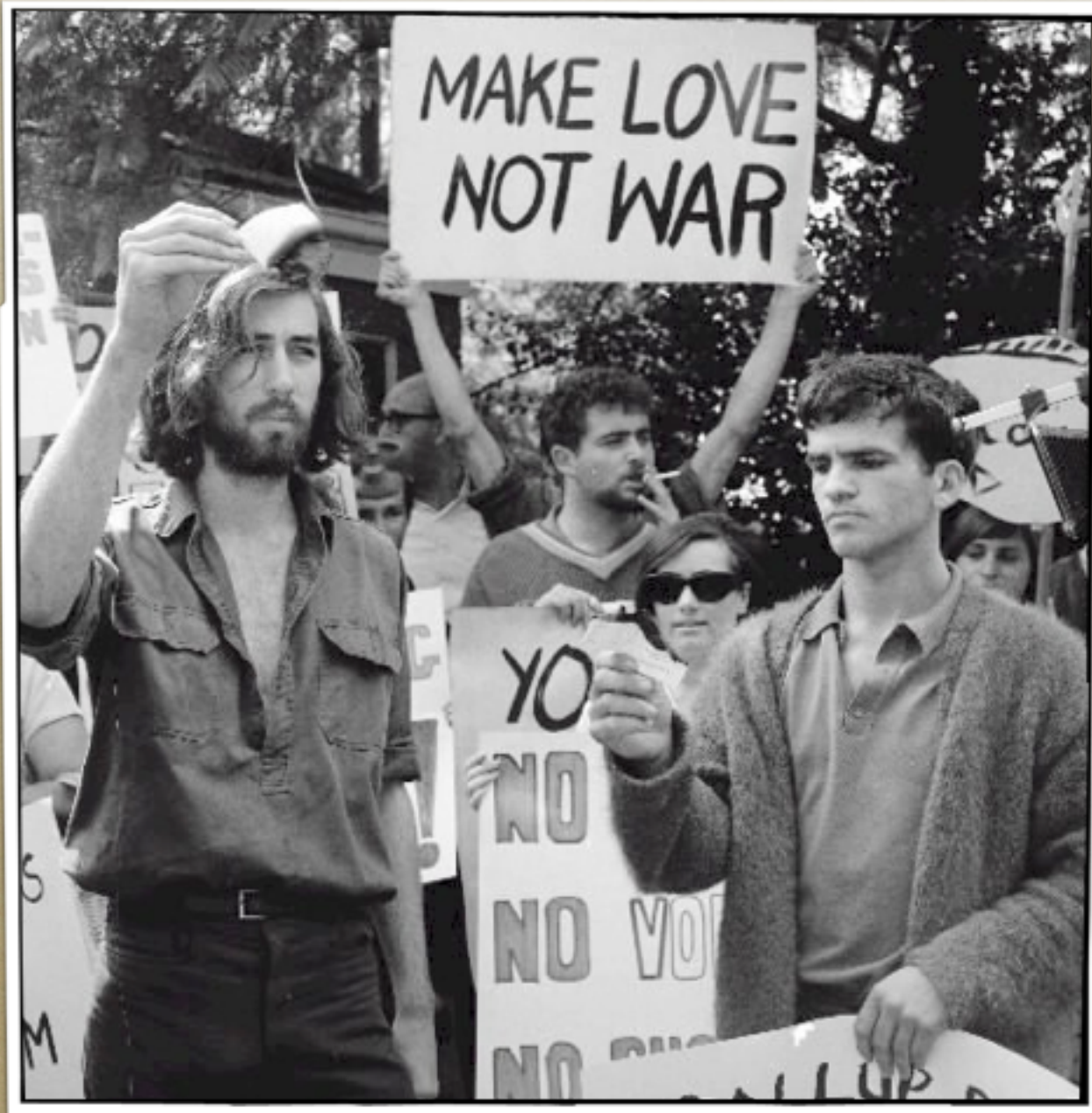
Tunnels in Vietnam



The Draft

- *Perceived as unfair (lottery)*
- *Ways out of it (money, college)*
- *African Americans drafted disproportionately*
- *College students/Youth movement*
- *Many viewed US intervention unjust*
- *College campuses spawn radical groups*

Protests

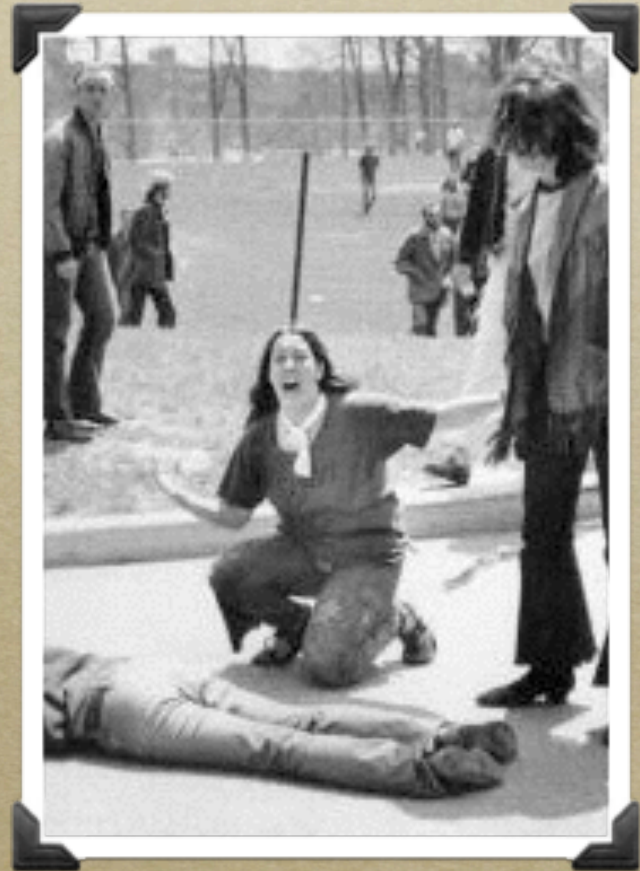






Kent State

- *May 4, 1970*
- *National Guard*
- *Shot 4 college student protestors*



Public Opinion

- *Public will turn on LBJ*
- *First televised war*
- *Reporters had unrestricted access*
- *Images & “body counts” eroded public opinion as war drags on*





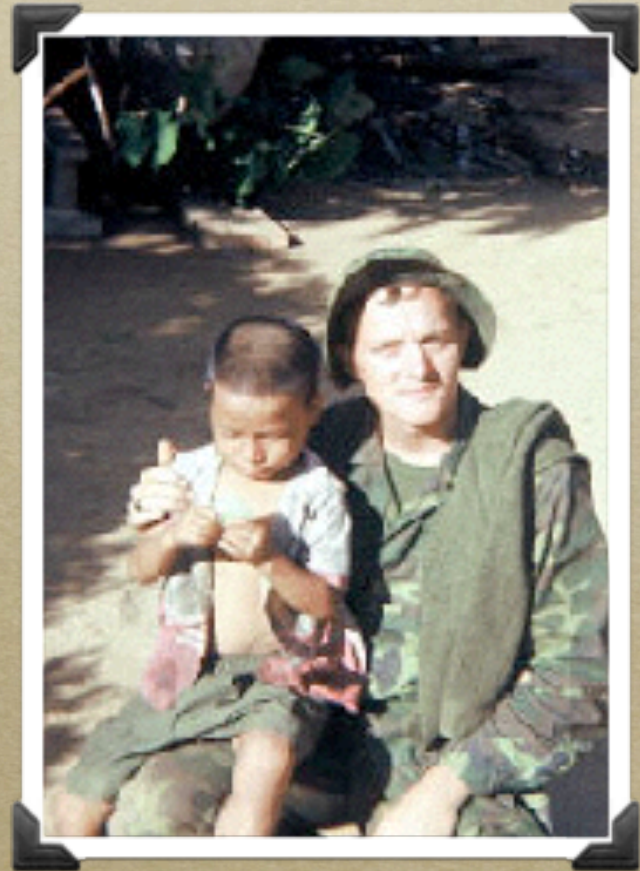




U.S. Tactics

Hearts & Minds

- *Winning the hearts and minds of South Vietnamese*



Southern Peasants



U.S. Tactics

Search & Destroy



Search



Destroy

U.S. Tactics

- *Agent Orange*
chemical warfare
kills plants/crops
makes people sick,
deformities,
cancers
- *Napalm*
gasoline based oil
that burns rapidly



*U.S. Huey
helicopter
spraying
Agent
Orange
over
Vietnamese
farmlands*



Problems with U.S. Troops

- *No peasant support*
- *Low Morale*
- *Children*
- *Effects of Chemicals & Experiences*
- *Drug & Alcohol Abuse*

