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Charles Chamberlain, a Congressman from Michigan, is upset and it seems to us that he has a right to be. Chamberlain has discovered that in the 18 months ending June 30, nearly 500 vessels from nations that are supposedly our allies or friends delivered supplies to North Viet Nam. In other words, they have been helping a Communist regime which is at war with the United States.

Whether or not these ships have actually delivered bullets which have killed U.S. soldiers, marines or American civilians, the continued flow of goods has enabled the North Vietnamese to support the Viet Cong in the war against American forces. It makes us wonder about our foreign policy.

Certainly a nation which gives continued economic and military aid to a long list of so-called allies ought to have some influence with them. If such supposed friends as Great Britain, Japan and Greece won't listen to suggestions that they quit trading with our enemies, they certainly wouldn't forceably resist a blockade. We have been forced into waging a war to protect the South Vietnamese from the Communist. Why shouldn't we take some elementary steps to hamper the North Vietnamese life lines. The trouble has been that Uncle Sam is so much of a gentleman that he sees nothing wrong with doling out money all over the world thinking that this will buy friendship -- only to have our friends supply goods to our enemies.

There is every indication that the war in Viet Nam is going to be long, bitter and bloody. No end seems to be in sight. To those who are there -- to the families of American servicemen who have been killed or wounded in action -- the war is very real. More and more of the Viet Nam war is becoming a reality to Americans. It must also be a reality to all branches of our government. It is almost unbelievable that we would continue to send our hard-earned tax dollars to foreign countries which would turn around and send supplies to our enemies. In the process of spending untold millions for foreign aid -- we ought to attach a few strings. One of them would be unquestioned loyalty to the United States of America -- especially as it pertains to areas of the world in which American men are fighting and dying.

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