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I was most surprised and curious when I came upon the interview with Vo Nguyen Giap had to say about his involvement in the Vietnam Conflict. After reading his interview however, I was disappointed in the vague display of his involvement in the Vietnam War. I saw his interview not of what he experienced and learned, but more of his opinions of how they victoriously won the war. He seemed to lay a lot of fault on the United States involvement in the war, but did not seem to talk about any fault on his side. I would have liked to have heard about his experience fighting the French at Dien Bien Phu. To me this was a great victory for his cause and I think he should have given a first hand account what happened that day. I do understand he might be a private man, and the maybe the only thing he would be interviewed on was his thoughts and opinions on how the Vietnamese won the war. I do however think, that he has so much knowledge and experience even if it is biased it would be so interesting to hear his perspectives about the war past and present.

The other story that I was disappointed with was Paul Hare. After reading some of the other stories it seemed that even after fighting in Vietnam that an American or Vietnamese years later would become friends or find a link to the culture and people. I think by reading his interview he seemed that he wasn't interested in knowing anything about their social structure. Instead he spent his time cock fighting. Spending all his time on training a cock how to fight and then when he finally gets the chance to fight him and he loses his cock. It seems like such a waste of time and energy. Instead of cock fighting he could be experiencing and learning why he was even there in the first place.

Finally I had to note the interview with Luyen Nguyen an his heartbreaking story. This interview didn't disappoint me, but it frustrated me. I didn't know that the South Vietnamese Commandos were captured between 1961-1968. The torture that they endured and the families that suffered. I can't imagine how Ngyuen survived after being imprisoned for twenty-one years, being a POW for that matter.

In reading these interviews, Even though there is a lot of political views and stories of war and horror, I do see that good can come out of the war. Daniel Redmond I see was a good man and helped in the evacuation of almost one million Vietnamese. He seemed to have a good sense of self and really felt as though he was helping people migrate to a safer place. I also feel there is "light at the end of the tunnel" when you read Luyen Nguyen interview. Even though he spent twenty-one years in prison eventually all of his pain and suffering gave him his family back and he got a master's degree and is now counseling students. Maybe he to is now helping students and sharing his experiences in ways to teach and learn about life and life's struggles.

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