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Vietnamese Ambassador Ha Van Lau charged that the United States presence in ~~Siagon~~ South Vietnam for more than a decade has left that ^Ucountry with profound social scars.

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When the Americans ~~left~~ in their helicopters, he told me, they left behind a legacy of corruption, ~~immorality~~ and a black market mentality. He spoke angrily about the tens of thousands of Vietnamese girls who had been turned into prostitutes, about the widespread drug addiction, about the large number of ~~young~~ delinquents, about the hundreds of thousands of young Vietnamese who have not had the opportunity to go to school. The Ambassador said that the job of reeducating these Vietnamese will be immense. In some ways, he said, war is less complex than reeducation. In war you fire your gun at the enemy; to reeducate requires working with people patiently and changing their thinkings.

This is Lionel Martin in Havana for CBC Radio News.

* The Task of Reeducation in South Vietnam following the US Departure in 1975

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