

Opposes 'Polite War'

Editor of The Bee — Sir: I would like to explain to Betty Roush who goes about trying to make a villain of "Old Sarge" for my standing behind our government and our fighting men in Vietnam.

I have said before, and I say it again, I do not necessarily think killing is the only way to settle differences between nations, but only after all other peaceful negotiations have been exhausted.

However, once that lead begins to fly, I have never in all the history of war heard of a nation winning by making a polite war on the enemy. As a pupil of the late Gen. George Patton, give the enemy hell trying to close with him at bayonet point, then finish him off.

If we are going to be polite to the enemy, we do so after he surrenders. There is one thing some people don't seem to understand — soldiers don't want war and cannot start a war. Only civilians can do this but only soldiers can finish it. When it is left to us, we do our best to win it, which is easier said than done.

In another misconception, so many people think all we have to do to end the war is sit down in a nice comfortable place and talk matters over. Why won't the Communists do this? Because they are the aggressors and know it. They do not have the same outlook on wars as we do. Stalin said if communism ever stopped aggression, it would die. Therefore it is necessary to keep wars going and when passable, win new countries in their conquests. OLD SARGE.

Fresno.