



Marc Riboud. Photographs of Vietnam 1966-1976

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Huế, main street of the citadel, South Vietnam, 1968 © Marc Riboud archives at Guimet



Marc Riboud, Young Girl Holding a Flower, anti-Vietnam war protest, Washington, USA, 1967 © Marc Riboud archives at Guimet

To mark the 50th anniversary of the end of the Vietnam war, Friends of Marc Riboud and Guimet (which conserves the great French photojournalist's collections) have come together to present the photograph and document archive that retrace the work of Marc Riboud in Vietnam between 1966 and 1976.

In October 1967, Marc Riboud took pictures of American youth protesting against the Vietnam war in front of the Pentagon in Washington. One of his pictures, *Young Girl Holding a Flower*, was published all over the world and became a symbol of peace. In 1970, he published *Face of North Vietnam*, a book which showed Americans the faces of those they were fighting for the first time.

Profoundly marked by events in Vietnam, Marc Riboud made around a dozen trips to the country between 1966 and 1976, visiting Hanoi, Saigon, the destroyed town of Hué, but also roads, rice paddies, factories, as well as refugee and re-education camps. He produced long reportages evoking his admiration for those taking on the world's greatest army with their meagre means.

His work on Vietnam, which spans over ten years, is characteristic of Marc Riboud's singular approach and unique eye, which was drawn to particular places and the people he met. He was not a war photographer, his pictures do not depict fighting and bombing, instead they show survival in the rubble, bodies trying to rest in makeshift shelters, lovers meeting near bomb shelters, the vitality of children; lives which have been torn up and wounded yet which against all odds, are determined to carry on.

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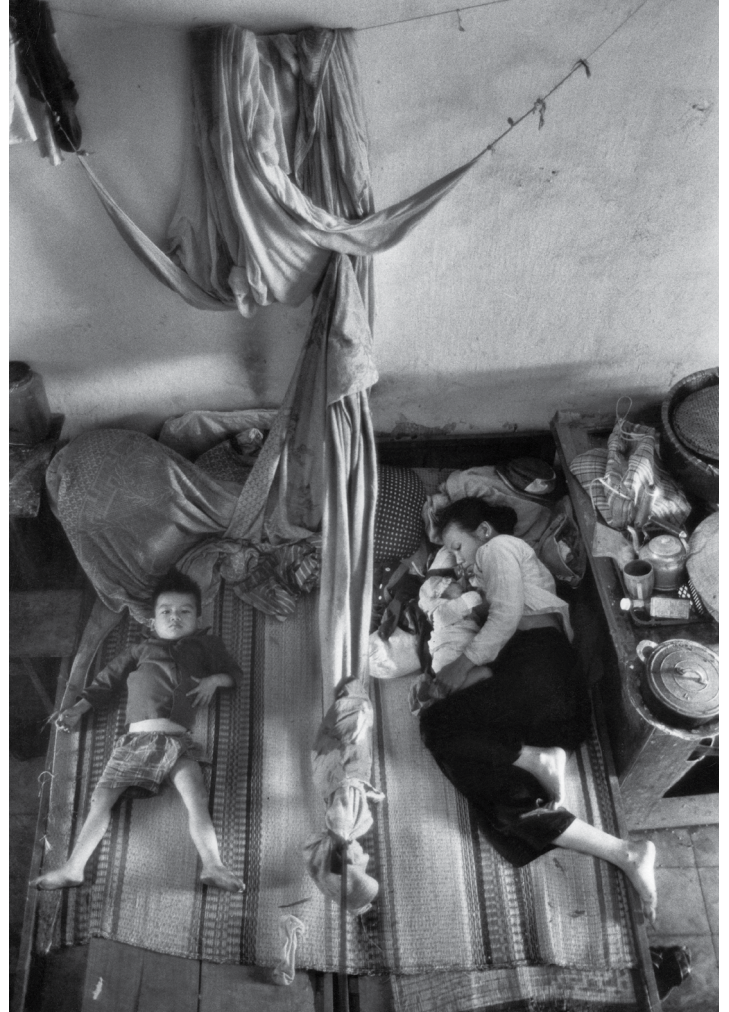
Announcement of the end of Operation Rolling Thunder in Phat Diem, North Vietnam, 1968



Women removing boulders by hand from a canal, North Vietnam, 1969



Loading ammunition on the USS Enterprise aircraft carrier, South China Sea, December 1966-January 1967, original silver halide print



Family sheltering in a school in Huế after the Tet Offensive, South Vietnam, 1968



Skyhawk aircraft on the deck of the USS Enterprise aircraft carrier, South China Sea, December 1966-January 1967, original silver halide print