

# THE VIETNAM WAR

The Vietnam War is related to the Cold War.

In the Sixties there was a war between North Vietnam and South Vietnam.

North Vietnam was supported by the Soviet Union, while South Vietnam was supported by the U.S.A..

The Soviet Union supported North Vietnam supplying weapons, money and instructors. However, they didn't send in combat soldiers.

On the contrary, the U.S.A. (in addition to weapons, money and instructors) sent to Vietnam a lot of young combat soldiers: in 1968 500,000 American soldiers were fighting in Vietnam.

Peace negotiations were started by Nixon (the president of the U.S.A.) who signed the peace treaty in 1973, **without an American victory** (we can say that the U.S.A. lost the war).