

My Viet Nam War: Oral History Project, UC Irvine

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ABSTRACT

An oral history with Mrs. Diêu Trang Vo (or Lise Vo) born in Saigon in 1957. Mrs. Diêu Trang Vo lived in the Republic of Vietnam until 1977 before leaving as a boat person, first landing in Malaysia and then receiving sponsorship to the US. The interview covers many aspects of her civilian life during the war and early communist occupation. She discussed her and her family's experience of the buddhist crisis of 1963, including the viewing of a self-immolation in August 1963. She discussed her view of American soldiers, her experience sheltering in the battle of Đà Lạt and the fall of Saigon. She also discussed the occupation, living with communist soldiers and her escape from Vietnam. Mrs. Diêu now lives in Orange County, CA.

Keywords

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