

No Good Neighbor Policy Nations of Indochina Peninsula Keep Ancient Quarrels Alive

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SAIGON, Viet Nam—The Indochina peninsula is a patch work of angry nations seldom ruled by the good neighbor policy. It is straining at the seams despite big-power efforts to smooth over quarrels.

In Thailand, angry crowds chanted defiance of a World Court decision awarding a border temple to Cambodia; the Bangkok government finally agreed to abide by the decision. Thai troops were sent to the Laos frontier to check a possible offensive by Laotian and Communist Viet Nam forces.

In South Viet Nam, the Saigon government charges that Cambodian pirates led by regular troops cross the border to pillage villages, steal cattle and murder inhabitants. Cambodia denies this and charges Saigon with strafing and bombing Cambodian villages.

The Saigon government sees the West as selling Laos down the river toward communism.

The barrage of charges between Communist North Viet Nam and anti-Communist South Viet Nam continues. The main issue is political, but North and South have never been especially friendly.

Only Thailand and South Viet Nam—which have no common border—are on reasonably friendly terms.

More often than not, the hatred is among villages, hamlets and families separated by national frontiers. Centuries-old hostilities cut across class lines.

"All joking aside, we can never trust the Cambodians because basically they are lazy savages," an urbane Paris-educated Vietnamese woman said, sipping her aperitif at a Saigon cafe. In Phnom Penh, capital of Cambodia, a young business man, also educated in France, remarked:

"We can't make friends with the Vietnamese—northern or southern—because they are restless, aggressive and warlike. Our prince has said they like nothing better than eating Khmer (Cambodian) flesh and seizing our territory. It's true."

Basic hatreds date back more than a thousand years. In recent years, the issues of communism and colonialism have added fuel to the fires.

A thousand years ago, a powerful Cambodian dynasty ruled in the ancient capital of Angkor Wat. Cambodia ruled much of what are now Thailand, Laos and Viet Nam. The Cambodians have not forgotten this. Prince Norodom Sihanouk's speeches are peppered with references to Angkor.

Alone of the Indochina nations, Thailand escaped incorporation by great European empires. The modern Thais haven't forgotten their days of greatness either.

Since the time of Christ, Viet Nam has been fighting to hold its own against China and its other neighbors. Its tradition of guerrilla warfare dates back many centuries.

Discussing his successful campaign against the Mongols, Vietnamese Marshal Tran Hung Dao said in 1278: "The enemy must fight his battles far from his home base for a long time. We must further weaken him by drawing him into protracted campaigns. Once his initial dash is broken, it will be easier to destroy him."

The two Viet Nams are still fighting. Scattered across all five nations are scores of dark-skinned mountain tribes. Some hunt with crossbows and poisoned darts. Few speak the basic national languages.

A century ago, France colonized Indochina, stemming the clashes between people. In 1954, a Communist-led Vietnamese army drove out the French. Where there had been one colony, four nations arose.

Since then, a new Asian Balkans has bloomed. Almost every day brings border clashes that a generation ago in Europe would have marked the beginning of war.

The United States and the Soviet Union have sponsored a neutral Laos. A cease-fire theoretically ended fighting between Royal and Communist Pathet Lao troops, but real unity for the polyglot nation seems a long way off.

Indochina as a whole is likely to remain a major threat to world peace for many years to come.

This Week At the UO

(All times daylight)

SUNDAY
7:30 p.m.—Feature Movie: "Home From the Hill," 150 Science.

MONDAY
7:30—Folk Dancing: Gerlinger Annex.

8:00—President's Address: Arthur S. Fleming, UO president, ballroom, Erb Memorial Union.

9:00 p.m.—President's Reception: For summer students and faculty, 2nd Floor, Erb Memorial Union.

TUESDAY
8:30 p.m.—Carnival Theatre: "My Three Angels."

WEDNESDAY
8:30 p.m.—Carnival Theatre: Club Intime.

THURSDAY
Noon—Lunch-Discussion: Ray Hawk, UO dean of men, Straub Hall.

7:30 p.m.—Lecture: S. S. Hsieh, University of Hong Kong, "Hong Kong Today," ballroom, Erb Memorial Union.

8:30 p.m.—Carnival Theatre: "M-Three Angels."

8:45 p.m.—Reception: For Bonnie Prudden, Alumni Hall, Gerlinger Annex.

FRIDAY
8:30 p.m.—Carnival Theatre: "Charley's Aunt."

SATURDAY
8:30 p.m.—Carnival Theatre: "Charley's Aunt."

EXHIBITIONS:
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WASHINGTON AP — Sen. Wayne Morse, D-Ore., reports the General Services Administration is awarding the Timber Co., Hermiston, a \$542,000 contract to enlarge and modernize the Pendleton postoffice and a courthouse.

Store Boycott Suspended

PORTLAND (AP)—The National Assn. for the Advancement of Colored People has called off its boycott of the Fred Meyer store chain.

The executive board of the organization said it was suspending the boycott for the next four months because the store chain had hired two negro women as food demonstrators.

The boycott had been called to try to get the store chain to hire negroes.

"We fully realize that a situation like this cannot be righted overnight. We were interested in signs of progress, signs pointing to a definite change in hiring practices for the future."

... We will be watching the hiring practices of Fred Meyer very closely during this four month period," Harry Ward, president of the Portland NAACP, said Friday.



R. A. Jennings

A Note of Thanks

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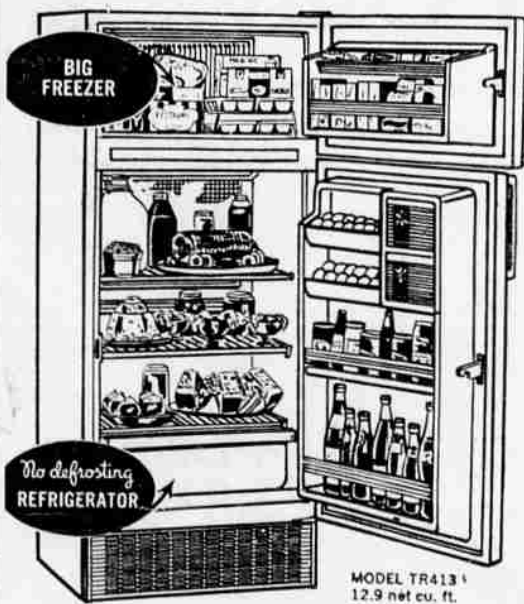
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