

Indochina 'General' Dies on Guillotine

Cant Ho, Indochina — (U.P.) — A 32-year-old rebel "general" who once vowed he would never cut his hair until he had defeated the French died today on a French guillotine.

But ironically it was not the French who executed rebel leader Ba Cut. An impassive Vietnamese executioner, one of his own country-men, released the blade which sliced off the head of the self-styled general.

Ba Cut, former leader of the quasi-religious Hoa Hao sect, was found guilty of treason by three separate Vietnamese courts last month and was sentenced to death.

Democrats Seize Dixon-Yates Contract as Issue in Campaign

Washington — (U.P.) — Democrats today seized as a ripe campaign issue administration arguments in federal court that the Dixon-Yates contract was invalid.

The Justice Department filed a brief Thursday in the U. S. Court of Claims saying the Dixon-Yates private power contract was invalid because of a conflict of interest involving New York banker Adolph H. Wenzell.

The Dixon-Yates power combine is suing the government for \$3,534,778 it claims to have lost

on the now abandoned power project at West Memphis, Ark. Sen. Albert Gore (D-Tenn.), a leader for the Dixon-Yates contract, strongly intimated the government brief will become an important Democratic campaign weapon. He said that as much as any other government project the Dixon-Yates contract had the personal endorsement of President Eisenhower.

Asks Prompt Trial
Sen. Estes Kefauver (D-Tenn.), who headed a Senate investigation of the contract, said his committee brought out Wenzell's dual role and other faults in the

contract "over violent opposition of the administration from the White House down."

"It is gratifying," the presidential candidate said in a prepared statement, to find that the Justice Department "has reversed its previous position . . . and will now give the government these defenses."

He said he hopes the case will be brought to trial "expeditiously—Prior to this fall's election."


Sen. Clinton P. Anderson (D-N.M.), chairman of the Senate-House Atomic Energy committee, praised the Justice Depart-

ment for finding that the government has no liability for the contract. He recalled he had made this point after the President cancelled it.

Claim Law Violations
The Justice Department brief said Wenzell's role in negotiating the contract "involved a conflict of interest so contrary to public policy" as to make the agreement "null and void."

The contract, originally signed by the government in 1954, was cancelled last year by President Eisenhower. The government raised the possibility at the time that a conflict of interest was involved.

In its brief, the department issued point by point denials of various claims by the power combine. It cited a series of irregularities in negotiating the contract which it said involved law violations.



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