

# War in Indo-China Worlds Second Biggest

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**HANOI, Indochina (AP)** — If you want to know when the second biggest war in Asia — that of the French Union forces against the Communist-led Vietnam in Indo-China — is going to end, consult your own crystal ball.

You'll get as accurate an answer there as anywhere.

There isn't even a glimmer of hope of victory for either the French or the Vietnam. The bitter struggle between the armies of Moscow-trained Ho Chi Minh and the

French Union already has dragged on for six years and, barring intervention by Red China, could go on for many years to come.

That might be hard for the average American to understand. He knows the United States is pouring hundreds of millions of dollars worth of equipment and supplies into Indochina.

He knows the French have fighters, bombers, heavy artillery and everything they need to win a war. The Vietnam fight with machine-guns, grenades, rifles and pistols. Although supplied by the Chinese Communists, they don't have the modern equipment to wage a first class war.

They're trying out 276,000 French Union troops which France badly needs to supplement her contribution to NATO in Europe. They're forcing the United States to send almost a billion dollars of war assistance to Indochina that might

well be used elsewhere.

The Vietnam — territorially speaking — control most of Vietnam. Out of Vietnam's 23 million people, there are 13 million in Vietnam-held territory.

The big question in the war in Indochina — with neither side ap-

parently capable of winning — is Communist China.

A massive Vietnam — Chinese Communist assault — with planes, armor and tens of thousands of troops — could make the situation in Indochina untenable for the French in short order.

Ho Chi Minh has made no move in this direction. As for the French, it's strictly out of the question to even think of talking with Ho Chi Minh.

Every war must someday end — but there's no finish in sight for this one.



**KEEP THAT HEAD DOWN**—A United Nations guard taps an unruly Communist POW with his carbine to emphasize an order to keep heads down. The prisoners are being moved into smaller, more manageable groups in new compounds on Koje Island, Korea.

## Mysterious Cold Layer May Damage Crops

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**CORVALLIS, Ore. (AP)** — A layer of cold air high sometimes hovering a few inches above ground at night may be responsible for crop damage or loss by freezing, even when a thermometer posted at a higher level fails to register killing temperatures.

Existence of this mysterious nocturnal cold layer was confirmed by Richard C. Hubley, University of Washington weather researcher, and reported to a meeting of the American Meteorological Society.

First observed in India 20 years ago, the nocturnal cold layer originally was thought to be a local or regional phenomenon. Two years of experimentation by Hubley at Seattle with highly sensitive instruments demonstrated its presence there and yielded evidence that it probably occurs almost everywhere.

Hubley found that the cold layer appears only in clear weather and when there is little or no wind. But it develops at all seasons of the year and becomes pronounced under calm conditions.

With delicate temperature recorders, Hubley found the coldest level two inches above ground. Readings there were five degrees colder than the air just above the soil surface.

From that level the air warms gradually with height until at 40 inches above the surface the readings are eight to 10 degrees warmer than at the two-inch mark.

This means that a thermometer placed three or four feet above ground may fail by a wide measure to detect killing temperatures two inches to a foot above the soil surface.

Why the cold layer develops is not yet known. Hubley thinks radiation has something to do with it. A search now is being made for factors which may be responsible.

## Lien Filed Against Hasson

**PORTLAND (AP)** — Hugh Earle, internal revenue collector, Tuesday filed tax liens totaling \$276,128 against the proprietor of a former downtown Portland cardroom.

Irving I. Hasson, former operator of Pasha's Sports Center, owes the government \$161,412 in tax, penalty and interest for 1946, Earle said. Another lien was filed against Hasson and his wife, Eda, for 1947 to 1950.

The cardroom was closed down last year after Hasson was arrested on a bookmaking charge.

## American Red Gets Life

**MANILA (AP)** — William J. Pomeroy, American propaganda chief for the Communist Huk, and his Filipino wife, Celia, Wednesday were sentenced to life imprisonment for armed rebellion in the Philippines.

Each pleaded guilty to the indictment which also charged murder, kidnaping, arson and robbery as members of the Huk organization.

Judge Feliciano Ocampo said he refrained from imposing the death sentence because the pair showed "indications of repentance."

Pomeroy, 36, Rochester, N. Y., a World War II U. S. Airman, made no comment. But his wife told newsmen: "Bill and I are prepared to meet whatever the future has in store for us."

"We knew it was coming and we were prepared for it. You can justify, you can condemn but we have finally found our way."

Pomeroy had been in the hills with the Huk more than two years. Philippine troops captured him March 11, 40 miles northeast of Manila. His wife was captured a few days later.

There was a \$15,000 price on his head. He was described by intelligence officers as a leading Huk brain trustee and director of propaganda.

Pomeroy was reported to have carried a card in the American Communist party. He was brought to the attention of the Philippines government by a tip from the American FBI.

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Best advice: Consult your County Health Department, your plumber, or a septic tank service company, for advice on cleaning your tank. Use MD Toilet Tissue!

On the other side of the picture, the Vietnam can't win, either. They lack the modern equipment to put on a big show. They studiously avoid committing any large number of forces against the French.

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