

1. INTRODUCTION - INDOCHINA IS THREE COUNTRIES

2. SIGNIFICANCE OF AREA:

a. UNDER POPULATED POWER VACUUM

b. GATEWAY FOR CHINESE EXPANSION SOUTH - { Area of Wahm
Republic
Malaya - Burma

LAOS - 59,000 sq. miles - 3,000,000 pop.

CAMBODIA - 62,000 sq. mi. - 5,000,000 "

Vietnam - NORTH - 62,000 - 13,000,000 "

SOUTH - 63,000 - 12,000,000

3. THE OVERRIDING PROBLEMS OF THE AREA:

a. Laos - Vietminh - Pathet Lao incursions

b. Cambodia - can't maintain neutrality - arms aid from West
Border problems

c. Vietnam - Vietminh subversion. READ EXCERPTS.

DESCRIPTION HISTORY OF VIETNAM

a. GEOGRAPHY - CLIMATE -

b. HISTORY

BEGINNINGS OF VIETNAM

I CHINESE DOMINATION

500 - 100 B.C.

1. People came from China, mixed with Indonesians -
Red River delta.

2. KINGDOM OF NAM VIET - 207 B.C.

II CHINESE DOMINATION 100 B.C. — 938 A.D.

a. Rebellions - A.D. 40-43 - TRUNG Sisters.

544-602 - Independence again

III VIETNAMESE INDEPENDENCE - 938 A.D. - 1860

1238 - Mongols defeated

1418-172 SOUTHWEST EXPANSION - conquest of Khmers and
Khmers

1800 - unification of Vietnam

IV European Influence

15th cent. - Portuguese and Spanish

16th cent. - English & Dutch traders
missionaries - Dominicans

17th cent. - Romanization of Vietnamese script.

18th cent. FRENCH INFLUENCE in Vietnamese civil war.
EMPEROR GIANG NGOC & Duchess de Bourgogne

1830-50 - Persecution of Christians - Pao Dai's father's family burned in own house
Pretext for intervention by France

1857. Attack on Tonkin

1859-61 - Siege and siege of Saigon

1867. Cochinchina becomes French colony

1883 - North Vietnam under French protectorate after war with China.

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1883-1940 - FRENCH DOMINATION

a. Economy - Exploitation of rubber & rice. VN third largest exporter of rice in world. Economy tied to France. Most valuable French colony, Chinese middlemen.

Forced labor - 1927-28 -

b. Political - Complete suppression political expression
French control of administrative services
Unifying - 1885 - Emperor deposed to Algeria

1895. End of Phung }
resistance movement }
burnings and bloodshed }
1906 - Vietnamese patriot note to
governor General Paul Beau:

1900 - Vietnamese abandon ancient education, set up
French-type night school - Vietnam, Rousseau etc.

1930 - Younging hole out - was crushed.

Vietnam -

c. Humanitarian - a. Medical - Yersin, Pasteur Institute
b. Education - more hospital than
vertical
c. missionaries.

VI

WORLD WAR II (1940-1945)

a. Japanese take Hanoi & Haiphong 1940

b. Saigon - 1941 - Complete use of Vietnam while French run it.
French very pro-Viet - but with military
constraints.

c. Rise of Vietnam - Formed 1941 by Communist Ho Chi Minh
a. and how China & US - intelligence on Japs.

March 1945. Japs seize Hanoi, break French resistance.
Formation of Vietnamese front under Bao Dai

August 1945 - Bao Dai abdicates. Hanoi - Vietnam
seizes power.

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by book

Sept 1945 - Japanese surrenders taken by British - Saigon and
China. Hanoi (per Potsdam agreement)
Gen Jacey + 1500 members of 2nd Indian Division
Incidents in Saigon - Disarming of French
Marines by Vietnamese.

French reoccupation of South. Negotiations in North.

French offer of "independence" 1st March 1946 -

Dec 19 1946 - JULY 20 1954 - INDOCHINESE WAR.

1949 - Vietnamese establish contact with CH. COMS -

French reinstate Bao Dai.

US starts to aid France

May 1954 - Dien Bien Phu. Diem called to power.

July 1954 - Geneva Conference -

Vietnamese delegation opposition, wants
UN measure - free elections.

US obtains.

Division of Vietnam plus elections in July 1956.

Transfer of refugees

Oct 26 1955 - Referendum. Bao Dai deposed. Diem
becomes president.

DIEM - 1933 - Minister of Interior Bao Dai - refused

1945 - Bao Dai offered premiership - refused

1945 - To prevent Bao Dai abdication, Diem
left hiding - older brother Khat - son
buried alive by Vietnamese. Diem captured

1946 - Ho Chi Minh offer refused.

1954 - Called to form government by Bao Dai

Problems: No economy; no government; Sects;
Tribals, Vietnamese, Refugees, Buddhism, education

Measures: Constitution, assembly.
Resettled refugees - 3 million claim + 2 million
Land reform -
War on Binh Xuyen, Hoa Hao -