

Ta Thu Thau

TA THU THAU. Prominent member of the Trotskyite faction in colonial Vietnam. The son of a poor carpenter, Ta Thu Thau was a follower of Nguyen An Ninh in Saigon during the early 1920s. While studying in Paris he joined Nguyen The Truyen's Annamese Independence Party, and then embraced Trotskyism. Evicted from France in 1930 for his political activities, he returned to Vietnam and joined the Trotskyite journal in Saigon, La Lutte, (The Struggle). For the next several years he was an active force in the Trotskyite movement, and on the journalistic scene. He was assassinated by the Vietminh in late 1945. (See Annamese Independence Party; Lutte, La; Nguyen An Ninh; Trotskyites)