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### Arrival of Pike Collection

**O**n August 29, 1994, Texas Tech's Archive of the Vietnam Conflict received Douglas Pike's extensive collection of documents related to the Vietnam War. Comprised of several hundred boxes of material, the collection includes a wide range of materials relating to all aspects of the war. Acquisition of the Pike Collection marks a major step forward for the archive, which continues to seek donations of letters, documents, diaries, photos, and any other informational material relating to Vietnam and Indochina in general. A brief seven-page summary of the materials contained in the Pike Collection is available on request, from Bruce Cammack, Archive of the Vietnam Conflict, Texas Tech University, Lubbock, TX 79409-0002. Phone: (806) 742-3758, Fax (806) 742-1920. We plan to have a more detailed listing available for distribution at the 1995 Vietnam Roundtable.

While Douglas Pike is well known to every academic involved in the study of Vietnam, he is perhaps less well known to others interested in Vietnam. Mr. Pike is a retired U.S. Foreign service

officer who spent many years either in Vietnam or studying events there. During his government service he generally was regarded as the U.S. Government's leading expert on Vietnamese communism. Among his many credits are seven books, including: *Viet Cong: The Organizational Techniques of the National Liberation Front of South Vietnam*; *War, Peace and the Viet Cong*; *History of Vietnamese Communism*; *PAVN: People's Army of Vietnam*; and *Vietnam and the Soviet Union: Anatomy of an Alliance*. Mr. Pike has contributed to 24 edited volumes and written several hundred popular and scholarly articles, monographs and conference papers on Southeast Asia.

Mr. Pike is a member of the National Council of the Vietnam Center. He participated in the Center's 1993 Vietnam conference, *Vietnam: Paris +20*, and is scheduled to participate in our 1995 Vietnam Roundtable and 1996 Vietnam Symposium. We are honored to receive Mr. Pike's remarkable documentary collection, and to enjoy his continuing support.



Douglas Pike



Former South Vietnamese Prime Minister, General Nguyen Khanh, will speak at 1995 Vietnam Roundtable

# Army War College and Vietnam Center To Co-Host Vietnam Roundtable

One of the many beneficial developments stemming from the 1993 Vietnam conference is a growing relationship between the Vietnam Center and the U.S. Army War College. Through the War College's Strategic Outreach Program, we are now in the advanced stages of

planning a Vietnam Roundtable. Academics, military personnel and the general public are invited to participate in this roundtable, which has been scheduled to mark the twentieth anniversary of the fall of Saigon. The papers of this roundtable will be published as the first volume of

The Vietnam Center's Conference proceedings series.

We gratefully acknowledge the significant financial support of the U.S. Army War College, which makes this roundtable possible.

## *On Winning and Losing: A Reexamination of the Summers Thesis*

A Vietnam Roundtable hosted by:  
The U.S. Army War College & The Vietnam Center  
Lubbock, Texas • 31 March - 1 April 1995

### Scheduled Speakers

Colonel Harry Summers on the Summers Thesis

Dr. Larry E. Cable, "The Summers Thesis in Strategic Context"

LTC Conrad Crane, "The Impact of the Summers Thesis on the Military"

Dr. Marc J. Gilbert, "The Summers Thesis and the Academic Left"

Dr. John R. Guilmartin, "The Summers Thesis: Does It Stand Up to the 'So What?' Test?"

Dr. Xiaoming Zhang, "The Vietnam War in Strategic Context: An Asian Perspective"

Speaker to be announced, "The Vietnam War: A General Officer's View"

Dr. Earl H. Tilford, Jr., "On Winning and Losing"

### Luncheon Speakers

General Nguyen Khanh, Former Prime Minister of South Vietnam

Professor Douglas Pike, "Recent Developments in Vietnam"



Harry G. Summers

Conference Registration Fee: \$50.00 Students \$25.00. Includes two lunches, coffee breaks, receptions

Conference Site: Sheraton Inn, Lubbock. For Reservations call: (800) 325-3535 or (806) 747-0171

and request "Vietnam Roundtable" rate (\$59.00 per day, flat rate)

### Vietnam Center - Army War College Vietnam Roundtable Registration

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# After The Cold War: Reassessing Vietnam

## *Second Triennial Vietnam Symposium • 18-20 April 1996*

The principal focus for the Vietnam Center's second triennial Vietnam symposium is indicated in its title, *After the Cold War: Reassessing Vietnam*.

A significant number of academics and principal participants in the war have already committed to present papers or to participate in discussion panels for this major Vietnam conference.

Admiral Zumwalt has been endeavoring to arrange a visit by General Vo Nguyen Giap to participate in the symposium. Should that visit occur, we envision a panel discussion with Admiral Zumwalt, General Giap and at least one senior U.S. Army Officer.

The principal papers of the symposium, we plan, will be published as the second volume in our conference proceedings series.

### *Scheduled Speakers*

Admiral Elmo R. Zumwalt, Jr., Ambassador William E. Colby  
Ambassador Bui Diem, Hon. Walt Rostow, Professor Douglas Pike

Dr. George Herring, Dr. William Duiker  
Dr. Ilya Gaiduk (Russian Academy of Sciences)  
Dr. John Prados, Dr. Jane Hamilton-Merritt  
Dr. William M. Leary, Dr. Arthur J. Dommen  
Colonel Dennis M. Drew, Major Mike Worden  
Dr. Earl H. Tiloford, Jr., Lieutenant Colonel Conrad Crane  
Dr. Edward J. Marolda, Dr. Jack Shulimson  
Dr. Xiaoming Zhang

### *1996 Call For Papers*

Individuals wishing to propose papers or to organize entire panels for presentation at this symposium are encouraged to contact the Center's director, James R. Reckner. Priority will be given to papers presenting post-Cold War assessments, but all proposals will be considered and as many as possible accepted and scheduled.

### *Graduate Students*

The Center for the Study of the Vietnam Conflict, encourages interested graduate students to propose papers for presentation at this symposium.

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# Donations Ensure the Vietnam Center's Programs Will Continue

**U**nfortunately, the Vietnam Center's programs require a continuing flow of funds. Our many friends, both institutional and individual, make possible the continuance of our work. We would particularly like to acknowledge the recent contribution of \$1,000 and the promise of an additional \$2,000 by the

National Coalition of Vietnam Veterans. At the same time, the Texas chapter of Vietnam Veterans of America, which offered us critical financial support that contributed to the success of our 1993 Vietnam conference, has now indicated that they desire to continue supporting our organization. For these

donations, and those of all of our Friends, we express of sincere gratitude. Although no one associated with the Center is paid for their efforts, printing, postage and other administrative requirements, as well as expenses related to conference planning, can only be paid for through your continued support.

## Ground Breaking for Texas Tech's International Cultural Center

**G**round was broken on August 12th, marking the formal beginning of Texas Tech's International Cultural Center which, when completed, will house the university's international programs, including the Center for the Study of the Vietnam Conflict. The 40,000 square foot facility will include a formal theater and conference facilities capable of handling as many as seven conference sessions

simultaneously. The project's beginning marks six years of struggle by the local community and Texas Tech to establish a state-of-the-art facility to support and highlight the many international programs at Texas Tech University. The Vietnam Center will greatly benefit by this new facility which, when completed, will provide offices for the Vietnam Center and will be the venue for future Vietnam symposia.



When completed, Texas Tech University's International Cultural Center will house the Center for the Study of the Vietnam Conflict.

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