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What's Next??

Oct. 21 **Voter Registration Deadline**

EXTRA CREDIT

Oct. 22 **Mid-Term Exam**

Oct. 23 **Stallworth Lecture @ USA**

EXTRA CREDIT

Oct. 24 **2nd Paper Selection deadline**

Oct. 27 **Online Quiz Chapter 8**

Nov. 3 **Online Quiz Chapter 9**

HI-101 Western Civilization I

USA Foundation & USA Department of History present the
2024 N. Jack Stallworth Lecture

"THE BANKHEADS OF ALABAMA"



**Dr. Kari
Frederickson**
Professor of History
The University of Alabama

Wednesday, October 23, 2024

7:00 p.m.

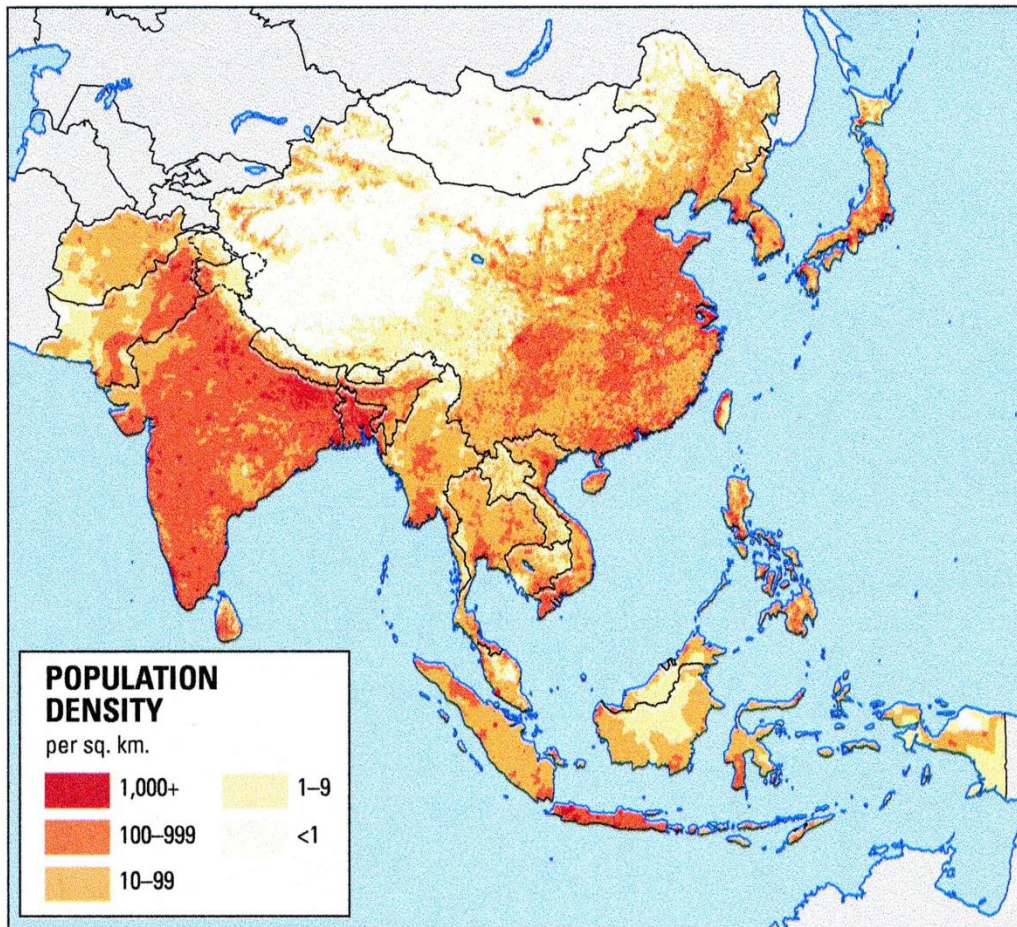
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5751 USA Drive South

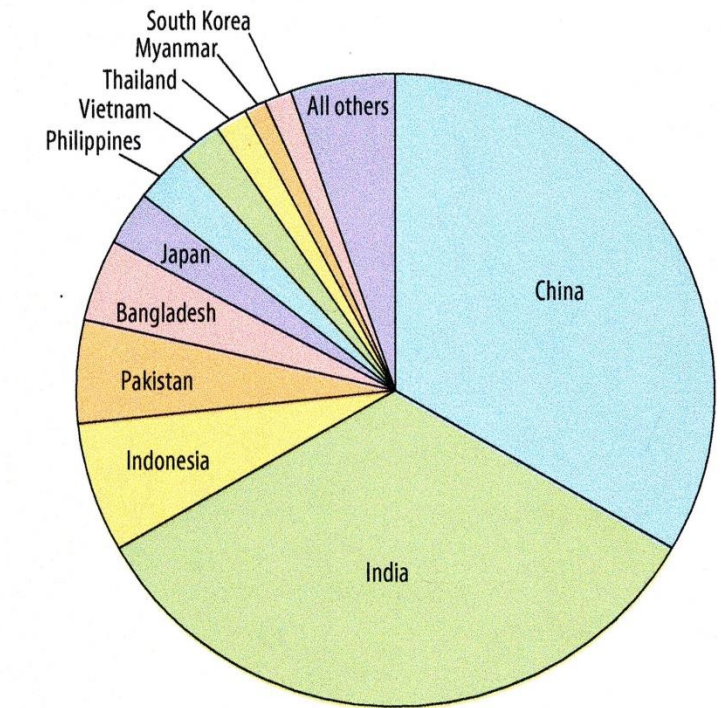




South and East Asia - part C - Southeast



(a)



(b)

Southeast Asia




• **Figure 7.4** (a) Population distribution and (b) population pie chart of South and East Asia.

East Asia (but mostly China and Japan)

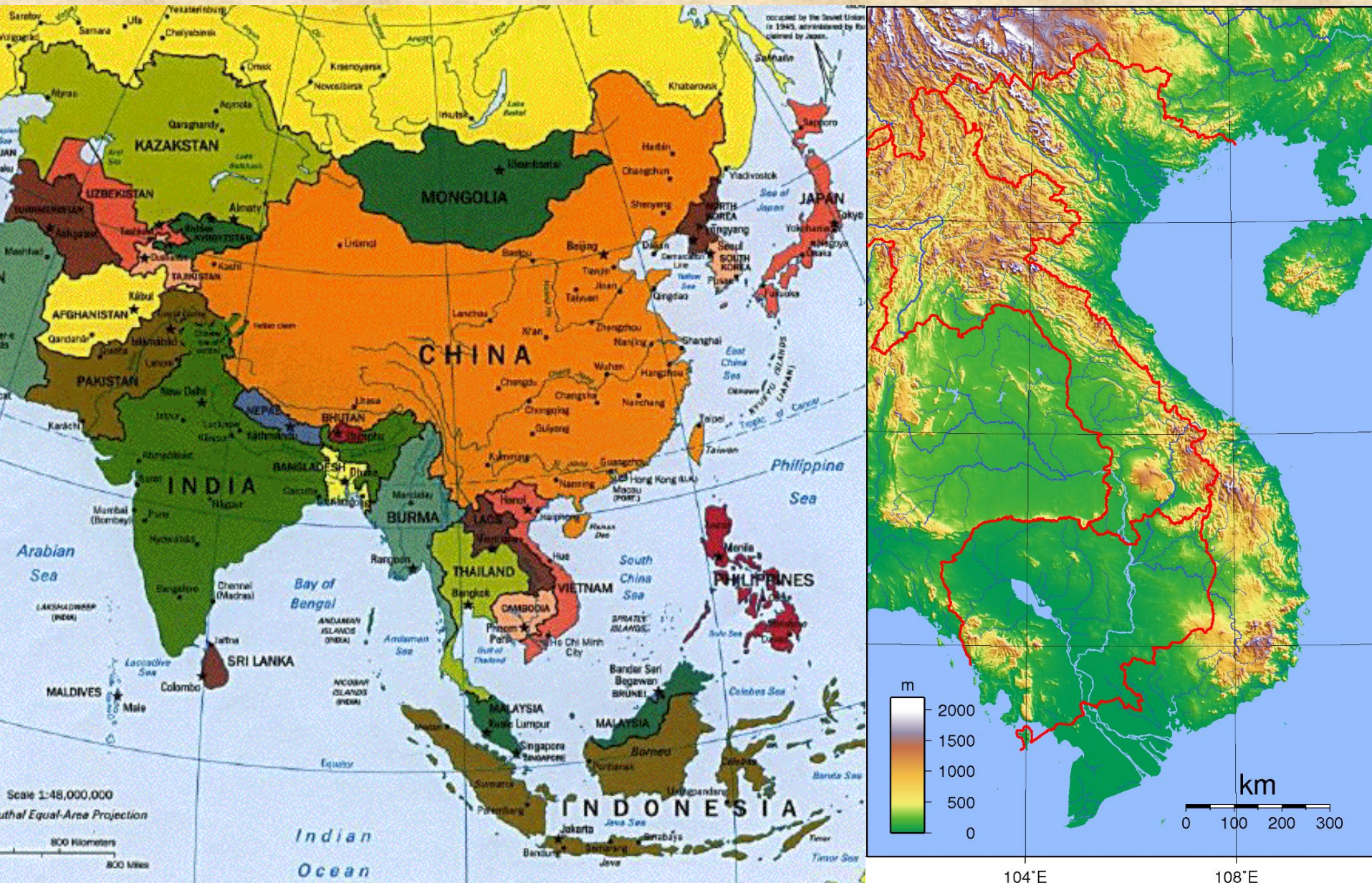
Political Unit	Area (sq mi, thousands)	Area (sq km, thousands)	Population (millions)	Rate of Natural Increase (%)	Net Migration Rate	Urban Population (%)	Population Under Age 15 (%)	Population Over Age 65 (%)	Agricultural Workers (%)	Per Capita GDP (PPP) (\$US)	GDP (\$US, billions)	Oil Production (million bbl/day)	Life Expectancy	Literacy (%)	HDI
South and East Asia	8265.3	21407.1	4,186	0.9	0	48	23	9	35	13,200	54,290	6.3	73	85	0.697
East Asia															
China**	3696.1	9572.9	1,402.4	0.3	0	61	17	13	27	18,200	25,360	3.7	77	97	0.758
Japan	145.9	377.9	126	-0.4	2	92	12	29	3	42,900	5,443	*	84	99	0.915
Hong Kong**	*	*	7.5	0.1	1	100	12	16	—	64,500	480	—	85	—	0.939
Korea, North	46.5	120.4	25.8	0.5	0	62	20	9	37	1,700	40	—	72	99	—
Korea, South	38.3	99.2	51.8	0.0	0	81	12	16	4	39,500	2,035	—	83	99	0.906
Macau**	*	*	0.7	0.6	13	100	13	12	—	1,22,000	77	—	84	—	—
Mongolia	604.8	1566.4	3.4	1.9	0	68	31	4	31	13,700	43	*	71	98	0.735
Taiwan**	14.0	36.3	23.6	0.0	0	79	13	16	5	50,500	1,189	—	80	99	—
United States	3796.7	9833.5	329.9	0.3	2	82	18	16	1	59,800	19,490	10.9	80	99	0.920



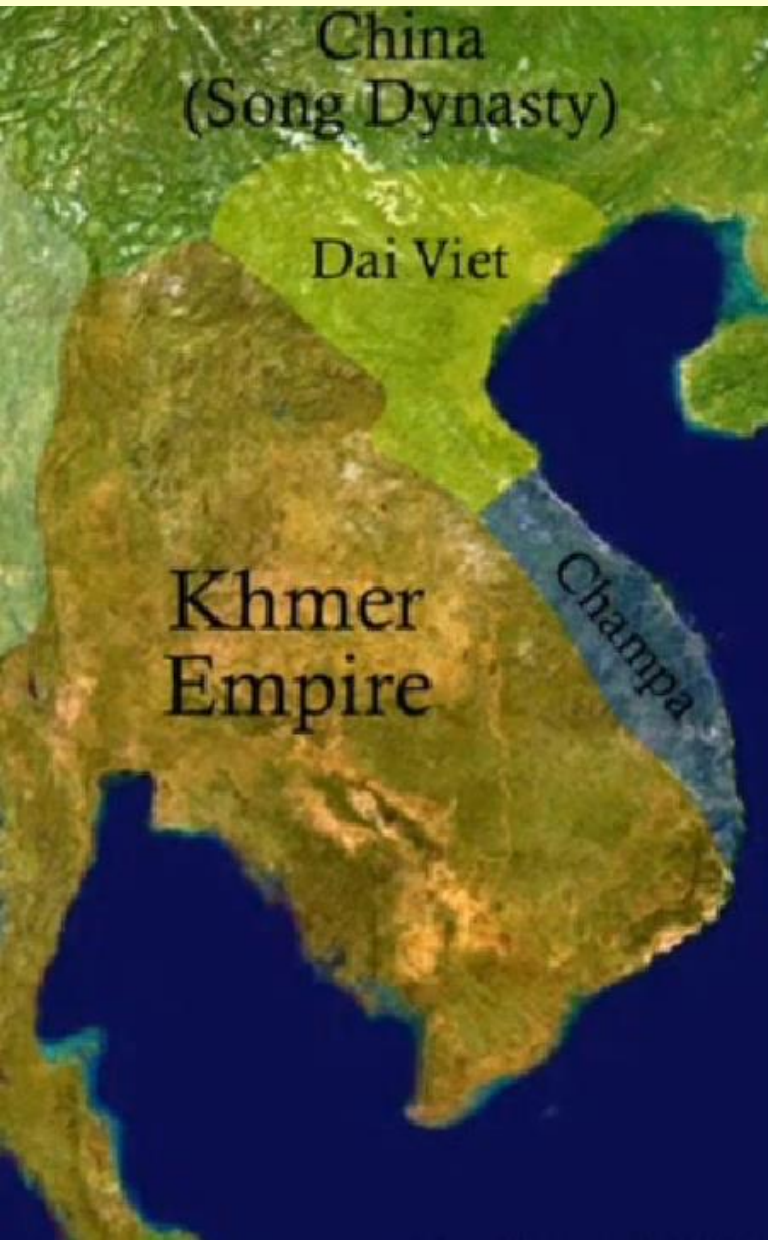
The junta and armed groups' control of territory in Myanmar as of April 2024

-  Largely military junta control
-  Largely resistance control
-  Contested

Vietnam: The Smaller Dragon



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Chinese Millennium

(111 BC – 938 AD)

Adoption of Chinese way:

Art

Philosophy

Literature

Written Language

But:

Viet never lost cultural identity

Vietnam: The Smaller Dragon



Trung sisters 43 AD

Resist China, and die trying (battle, POW or suicide)

**Temples and Celebrations mark
as national symbols of
resistance and freedom.**



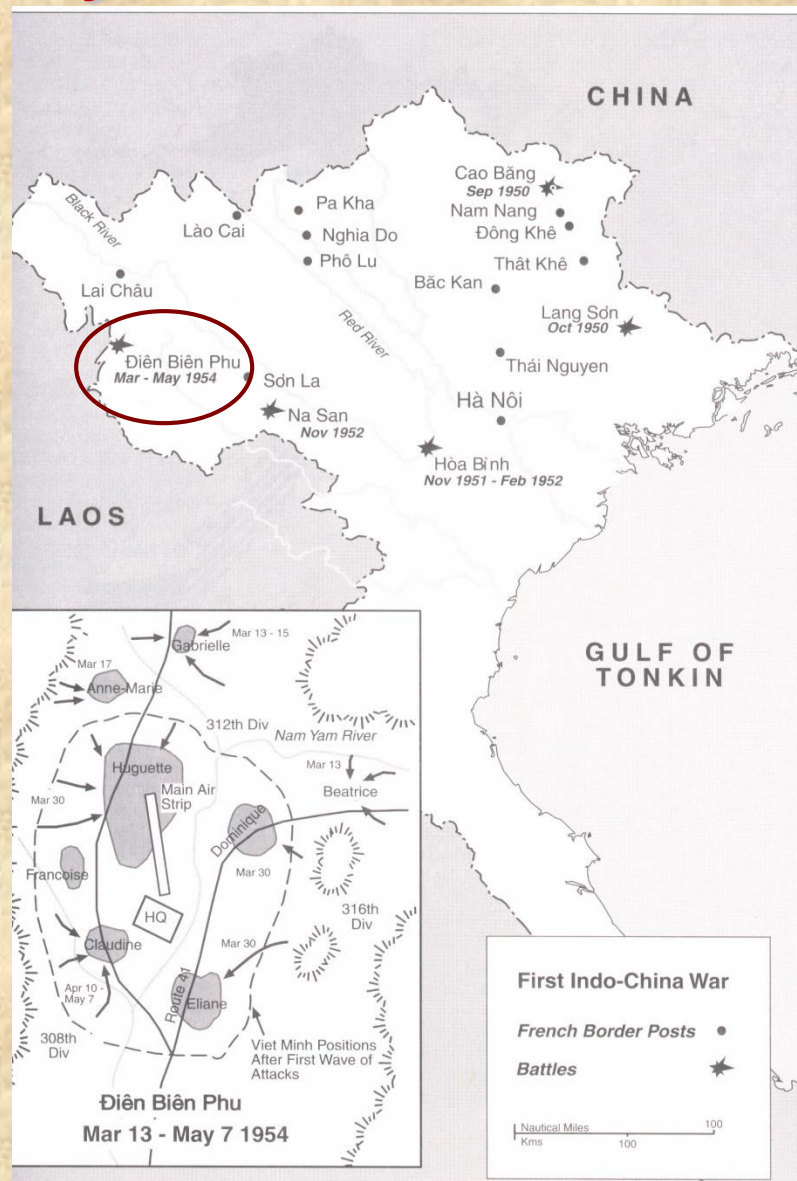
Vietnam (1950-1975)

2nd Indochina War



Battle Of Dien Bien Phu

13 March - 7 May 1954



Battle Of Dien Bien Phu

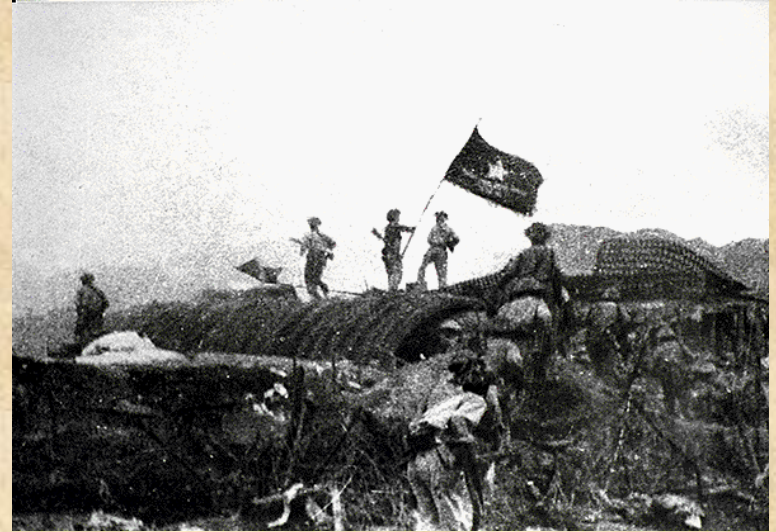
13 March - 7 May 1954

POSSIBLE REASONS FOR FRENCH DEFEAT (Viet Minh Victory):

- French Tactics, strategy, arrogance, political factors
- Viet Minh tactical competence, determination, surprising array of weapons and capabilities

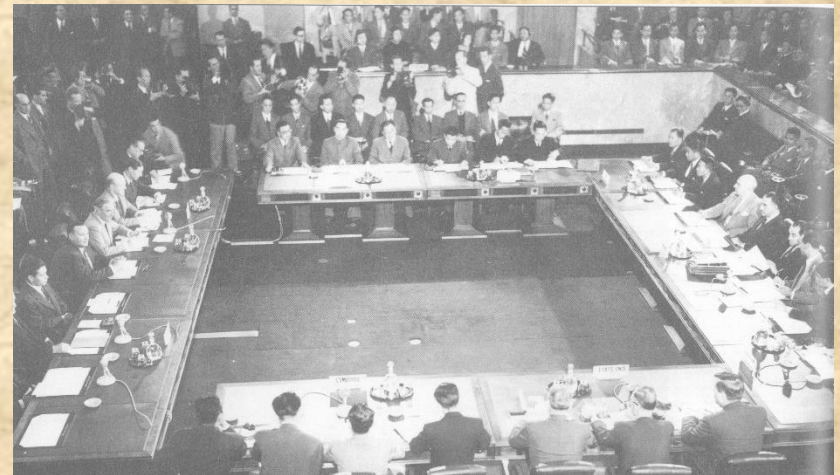
RESULTS:

- **FRENCH: 7184 KIA,**
- **11000 CAPTURED**
- **VIET MINH: 8000 KIA, 12000 WIA**



The First Vietnam War Aftermath

- **Geneva Accords, 21 July 1954**
 - Vietnam divided at 17th parallel
 - Elections to be held in two years
 - 300 days allowed for free movement between north and south
- **French depart Hanoi on 9 Oct 1954**
- **Viet Minh formally take over Hanoi and North Vietnam on 11 Oct 1954**



The Domino Theory



“You have a row of dominoes set up; you knock over the first one, and what will happen to the last one is that it will go over very quickly. So you have the beginning of a disintegration that would have the most profound influences.”

-- President Dwight D. Eisenhower, 7 Apr 1954
on the impending fall of Vietnam to communism



National Defense Service Medal
January 1, 1961 – August 14, 1974



Vietnam Service Medal
July 1, 1958 – March 28, 1973



1 November 1955
30 April 1975

JFK and Vietnam

- **Late 1960: National Liberation Front established in the South**
- **11 May 61: JFK approves increased aid to RVN and sends 400 SF troops**
- **11 Dec 61: first U.S. Army helicopters arrive in Vietnam**
- **Sep 1962 - Feb 1963: 5th SF Group established at Nha Trang**
- **12 Jan 62: first “Ranch Hand” missions**
- **13 Jan 62: U.S.A.F. pilots fly first “Farm Gate” missions**
- **8 Feb 62: USMACV established in Saigon**
- **2 Nov 63: Diem and brother assassinated during coup**
- **22 Nov 63: JFK assassinated in Dallas**



Gulf of Tonkin Incident

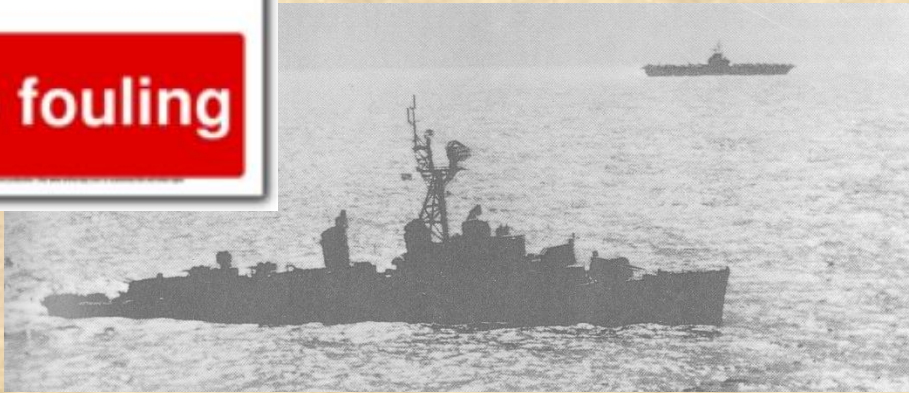
August 1964



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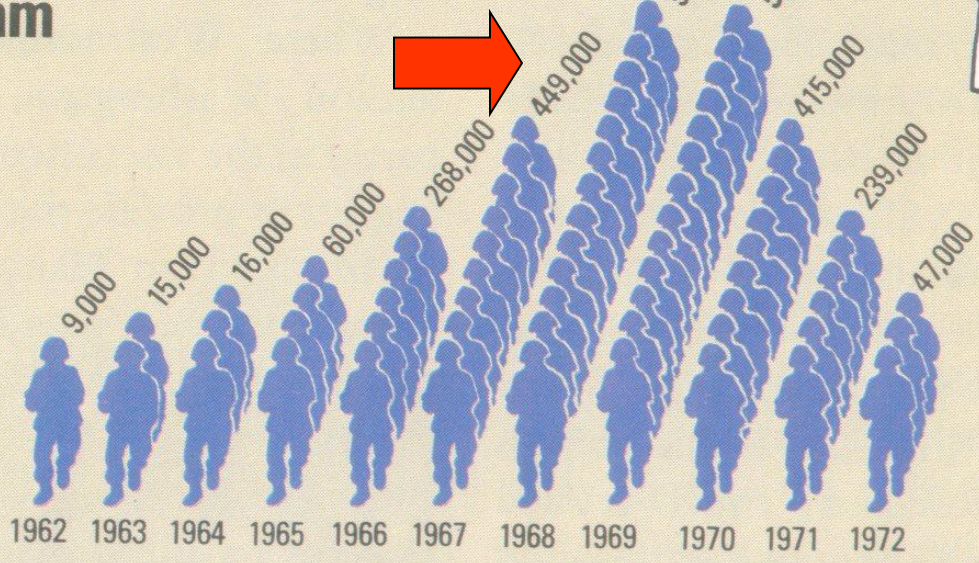
- 2 Aug: attack on *Maddox*
- 4 Aug: attack *Maddox* and *C. Turner Joy*?
- 5 Aug: Operation PIERCE ARROW
- 7 Aug: Gulf of Tonkin Resolution passed

National Strategy?

- **Guns and Butter**
 - protect Great Society programs
 - expand draft, but no major call up of reserves
 - lack of candor with the news media and public concerning military commitments in SE Asia
- **“Out of country”** -- graduated escalation through airpower
- **“In country”** -- troop buildup and logistic expansion

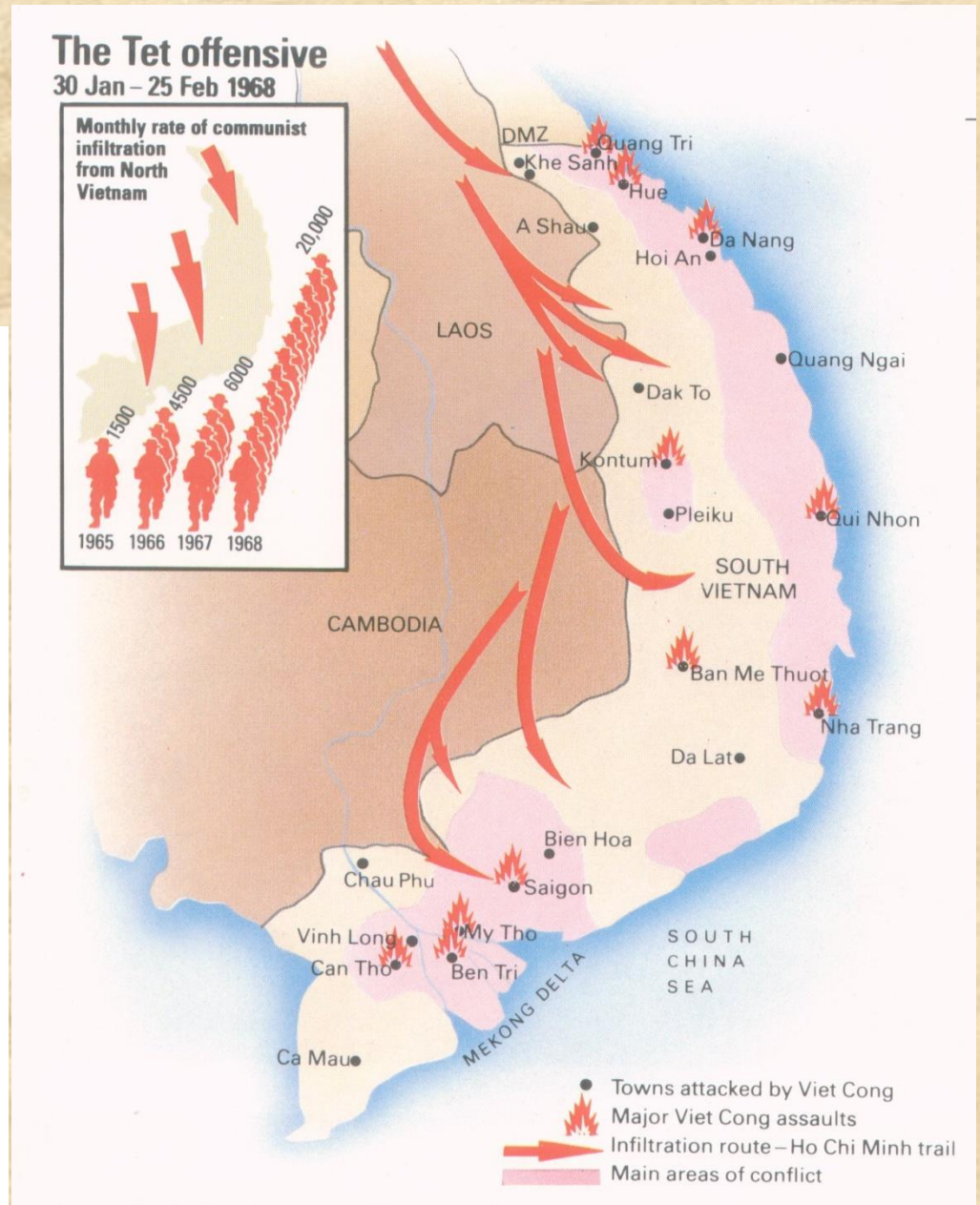
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US forces committed in South Vietnam 1962-72



Tet: Communist Plans - 1968

- **General Offensive**
- **General Uprising**
- **Forces and Deployment**
 - 80,000 NVA and VC troops
 - 36 of 44 province capitals;
5 of 6 autonomous cities
 - 23 airfields/bases



TET 1968: Military Results

- ARVN and U.S. forces initially hard pressed, then react quickly to retake most objectives in short time
- Hue and Khe Sanh are most costly battles
- U.S. losses = 1,001 KIA
- Allied losses = 313 KIA; 2,082 RVNAF KIA
- People's Liberation Army and PAVN = 40,000 KIA
- 14,300 South Vietnamese civilians killed



What are the impacts and effects?

TET 1968:

Political Results

U.S.:

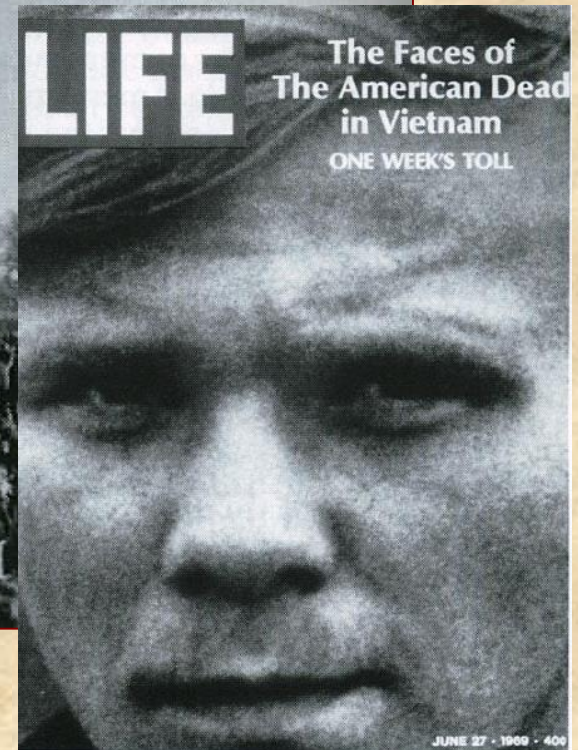
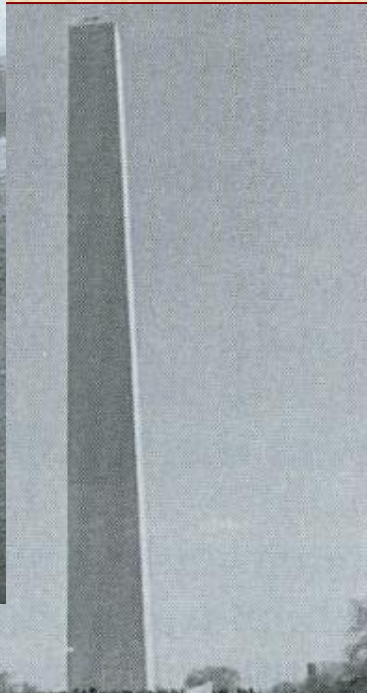
- Johnson administration's loss of credibility
- 31 March: LBJ announces unilateral bombing halt and decision not to run for re-election
- May: peace talks begin in Paris
- Anti-war sentiment in U.S. grows
- Nixon elected

NORTH VIETNAM:

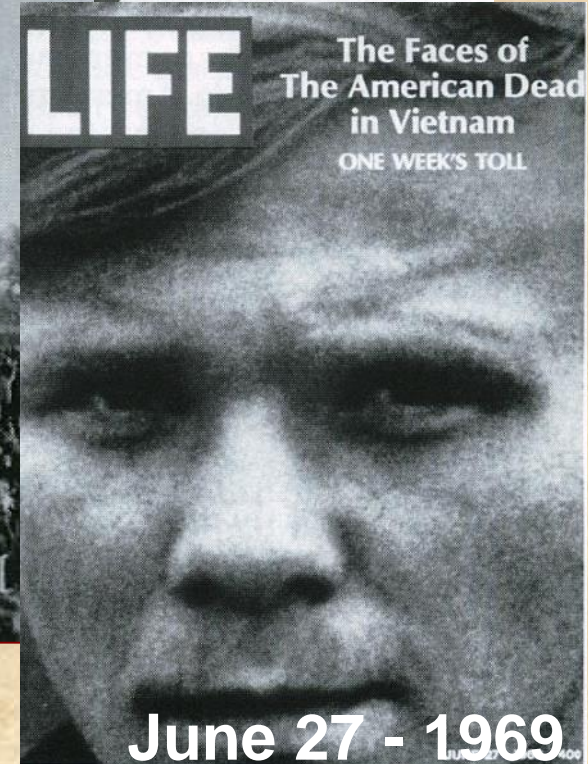
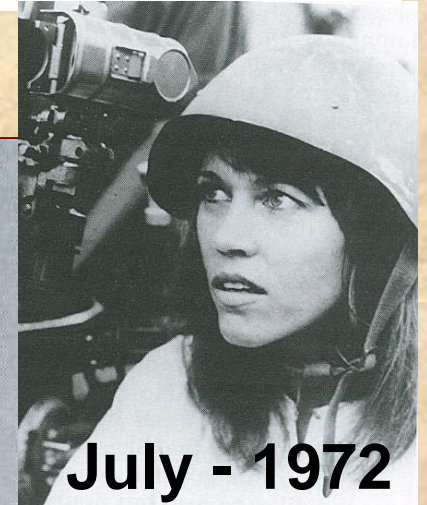
- Hanoi leadership admits errors, cuts losses
- VC virtually destroyed
- shifts strategy



The Mood In America

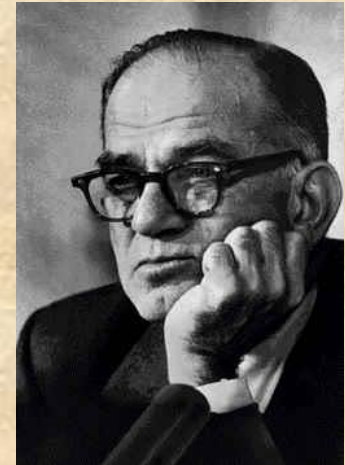
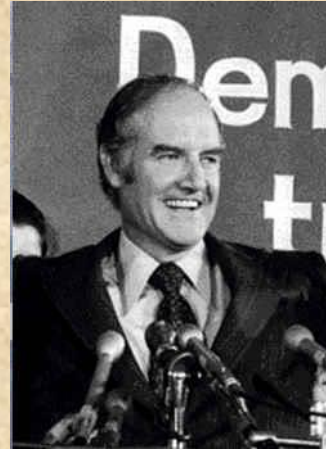


The Mood In America



Declining U.S. Support

- **Nixon besieged by Watergate scandal**
- **Congress cut all funds for combat action in/over Laos and Cambodia, June 1973**
- **Arab-Israeli War, Oct 1973**
- **Congress passed War Powers Act, 7 Nov 1973**
- **Congress cut military aid to RVN for FY 74**



U.S. Troop Withdrawals



- Announced By RN In June, 1969
- First increment departed Aug 1969
- 15 increments followed
- Supposedly predicated on enemy activity and progress of Vietnamization
- Once started, achieved its own momentum
- Continued even during 1972 NVA Offensive

Nixon Resigns



August 9, 1974

“Poor Man’s War”

1974

- U.S. aid cut by \$964 million in 1974
- American way of war using up war stocks
- drastic shortages of ammo, fuel, and spare parts, etc.
- NVA pressuring ARVN



The Fall of Saigon

30 April 1975



Geo 301- World Regional Geography

NEXT...

Mid-Term(ish) Exam

Study Guide for GEO 301 Mid-Term Exam

The exam will include multiple choice, matching and short essay questions.

Please review the online quizzes for chapters 4, 5, 6, and 7.
Also, study the following “Key Terms and Concepts.”

Asylum-seekers

Brexit

Columbian exchange

European core vs. periphery

Genetically Modified Organism (GMO)

foods

Guld stream

Primate city

Tariffs

Welfare state

Armenian Genocide

BRIC economies

Chernobyl

Command economy

Group of Eight (G-8)

Human trafficking

Kleptocracy

MAD (Mutually Assured Destruction)

Near Abroad

Oligarchs

Hydro politics

Jihad

MENA (Middle East & North Africa)

Middle Eastern ecological trilogy

People of the book

Pillars of Islam

Shi'ite / Sunni

Two state solution

WMD (Weapons of Mass Destruction)

Asian Tigers / tiger cubs

Falling Domino Theory

Green revolution

Monsoon (summer & winter)

One child policy

Outsourcing (offshoring)

Trans-Pacific Partnership (TPP)

Viet Cong

Wet rice cultivation

Yin / yang