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Paris, stating that these developments in Guinea are detrimental to friendly relations, has decided to delay sending an ambassador to Conakry for at least another two months.

Guinea's increasing ties with the bloc probably are part of an attempt to lessen its dependence on France and to pro-

vide means of expressing a neutralist foreign policy rather than a decisive move toward the East. The minister of economics and planning stated on 24 March that Guinea "cannot tie itself to France" but must seek aid wherever available, including the United States or Eastern Europe.

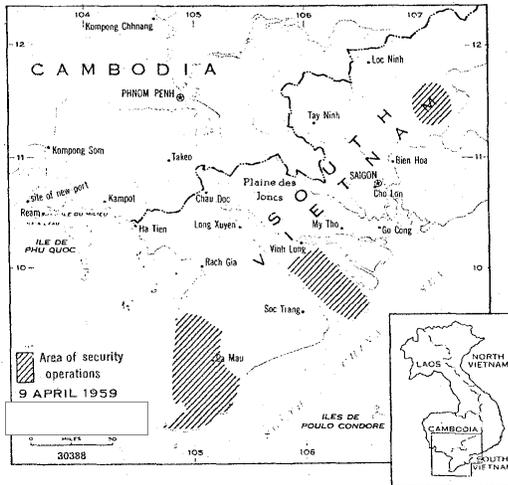
SOUTH VIETNAM'S SECURITY PROBLEM

South Vietnam's persistent security problem posed by the well-entrenched Vietnamese Communist military underground, estimated at more than 2,000 men, is highlighted by recent military operations northeast of Bien Hoa and in the Ca Mau Peninsula in the southwest. These operations, conducted by units of the regular armed forces, which number some 145,000, instead of the less effective paramilitary forces normally responsible for internal security, are the latest of the special efforts mounted periodically by the government against Communist concentration points.

The marshy Ca Mau region, the thickly forested area north of Saigon, and the swampy Plaine des Jones near the Cambodian border are endemic trouble spots where the Communists have taken advantage of the difficult terrain to set up semipermanent enclaves.

In the Bien Hoa area, slow progress has been made

in extensive security operations begun in early March against a stubborn pocket of armed Communists and remnant sect forces believed to number as many as 500. The three paratroop battalions, two infantry regiments, and miscellaneous units now committed by the government have encountered unusually strong resistance, receiving 60- and 81-mm. mortar fire and suffering land-mine casualties. The embryonic Vietnamese Air Force, in its first use against Communist



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dissidents, has flown several bombing and strafing missions but apparently has been generally ineffective against poorly defined targets.

The present security sweep by a reinforced Vietnamese marine battalion in two provinces of the Ca Mau Peninsula is being conducted by squad and platoon units using commando-type hit-and-run tactics. Such factors have proved effective in this area of interlacing waterways and tall marsh grass where the Communists have achieved virtual control over whole villages and districts. The marine forces have killed a number of Communists, including several political commissars, and have concentrated on destroying enemy food sources.

The Bien Hoa and Ca Mau operations are designed to prevent the growth of dangerous concentrations of Communist underground strength. Most government efforts, however, are directed toward combating scattered incidents of Communist terrorism in the rural areas and in fighting a continuous propaganda war for the loyalty of the Vietnamese people. In the face of unrelenting pressure by the Communist political and military underground, the Diem government has been forced to divert much of its energy and resources from the economic field, where the rate of progress--which has been slow--is a major factor in determining South Vietnam's long-range stability.

## JAPANESE COURT DECISION HELPS SOCIALIST ANTI-US CAMPAIGN

The opinion of the Tokyo district court that the presence of foreign troops in Japan is unconstitutional may make it more difficult for Prime Minister Kishi to effect an early revision of the US-Japanese security treaty. The Kishi government is appealing the case directly to the Supreme Court, but a decision is not expected for several months. In the interim, the Socialists will be able to exploit the issue for the upper-house elections in early June.

The district court on 30 March acquitted seven Japanese nationals who were indicted under a special criminal law for trespassing on an American air base in 1957. The court declared the law invalid on the grounds that it affords protection to foreign forces in Japan whose presence is a violation of the Japanese Constitution.

The court cited Article 9 of the Constitution which stipulates that "land, sea, and air forces, as well as other war potential, will never be maintained."

Pending the appeal, the court's opinion will have no immediate effect on the legal status of American forces in Japan. Kishi's own party already is divided over the extent of the revision of the US-Japanese security treaty, however, while the opposition Socialists have formed a united front with the Communists and leftist labor to oppose it. The Socialists also hope the court opinion can be used to offset the damage to their position which resulted recently when a Socialist mission to Peiping identified the party with Chinese Communist objectives in Asia.

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