

***The Big Picture* – Southeast Asia Treaty Organization (SEATO) Nations**

Announcer: This is *The Big Picture*, an official television report of the United States Army produced for the armed forces and the American people. Now, to show you part of *The Big Picture*, here is Master Sergeant Stuart Queen:

Master Sergeant Stuart Queen: Following World War II, the major British colonies in Asia received their independence, and Communists seized control of the Chinese mainland. The result was a changed balance of power in Asia. The first of October 1949 has turned out to be a date of great importance in world history. It was on that day that the Chinese Communists announced the establishment of their regime.

The Communist regime at Peiping is founded on the principles of Marx, Lenin, and Stalin, and on Mao Tse-tung's concepts of new democracy. When the Chinese mainland fell under Communist control, twice as many communist-dominated people were added to the list as there are communist-dominated people in the Soviet Union. Little more than a year after the Red Chinese regime was established, it showed its intentions in Korea. Two years, Red China's massive armies fought the forces of the United Nations to a stalemate.

While the war raged in Korea, Red China was also flexing her muscles in another part of Asia. With her support, the Communist Viet Minh forces were able to drive Vietnamese and French forces from the northern half of Vietnam...