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OF VIETNAM
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This bibliography brings together a selection of materials on the political and administrative history of Vietnam from the Nguyễn Dynasty, whose date of origin is usually given as 1802, to the present time. A limited number of items on the history before the 19th century and on the general history of Vietnam have been included for background purposes. Since it was impossible to properly survey the relevant materials, developments in the Democratic Republic of Vietnam since 1954 have for the most part been excluded.

The work seeks to provide the student with a basic orientation to materials in the French, English and Vietnamese languages. For works in Chinese the reader should consult the listings under the bibliographical section. The compiler has purposely refrained from critical remarks about items included.

Entries have been selected on the basis of their importance, authoritativeness, and appropriateness to the subject. Only a small number of legal and juridical works have been included though most of the material published on public administration in Vietnam is of this type. In his search for an understanding of the dynamics of government
and administration in Vietnam the student must turn to the abundant historical literature. For this reason almost half the work is devoted to historical materials. An important place has been given to economic and social conditions in the belief that political science and public administration can best be studied in the context of the total environmental setting.

The reader's attention is directed to the fact that Vietnamese names usually consist of three words—with the family name given first and the familiar name last. In accordance with most frequent Vietnamese practice, entries by Vietnamese authors are inverted with the familiar name given first. Writings in romanized Vietnamese, "quốc ngữ," begin to appear in quantity after 1915. Standardization, and adaptation to modern technical usage, is a continuing problem.

The 964 entries included in the bibliography were screened from some 3,500 annotated titles. The collection was actually begun at Paris in 1953, where the resources of the Bibliothèque Nationale, the libraries of the École Française d'Outre-Mer, Faculté de Droit, and the Institut des Études Politiques of the University of Paris were readily available. The work was continued in Saigon during 1954-1956. In the United States the compiler made use of
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POLITICAL HISTORY AND BIOGRAPHY

A. General History.


A survey from antiquity to modern times based upon Chinese, Vietnamese, and French sources.


Biographical notes on important figures from the ancient period to 1945.


A commentary on Vietnamese history largely devoted to the period 1788-1889.


Discusses the origin of the name and the different ways it has been used.


Emphasizes the harmonious nature, and the complementary character, of East-West contacts.

A discussion of problems relating to the building of the French section of Saigon.


A survey from antiquity to 1900, with a summary and chronology for the period 1900-1957.


A short summary by a French Sinologist.


A survey of French activities and intervention.


A general survey from antiquity to the contemporary period which stresses the economic factor in history.


Treats political, diplomatic, military, and commercial relations.

Sketch of the history of Annam; role of France in Indochina.


Brief survey of major political events in Vietnamese history based upon Vietnamese, Chinese, and French sources.


Comments upon major personalities and events from the time of Monseigneur d'Adran and Emperor Gia Long to that of Commandant Rivière.


Emphasizes what are considered to be psychological errors made by the French in their dealings with the Vietnamese.


Contains a convenient summary history of Vietnam treated in terms of the broad perspective of the history of the Indochina peninsula.


Chronology and organization.

A survey of political and social history from the beginning of the 19th century to 1960. Urges that France intervene to work for reunification of Vietnam.


Based upon an archeological survey made 1934-1939.


A survey from antiquity to 1953. Includes chronology of names and events. Based upon French, Vietnamese, and Chinese sources. Stresses the economic factor in history.


A survey of the history, geography, and culture.


A summary history with a description of present governmental and cultural institutions. Also published in French.


Traces history from 1680 when Saigon was said to be a Cambodian village.


Charles B. Maybon has added an introduction and notes to this history, first published in 1810.


Treats various events and experiences in Vietnamese history from antiquity. On the failure of the Yen Bay revolt, for example, the author blames: Excessive patriotism and hence the lack of foresight; faulty planning; poor organization; and the lack of a base for a long resistance action.


A survey from ancient to modern times.


A sketch of Vietnamese political history since antiquity.

Volume 1 treats the inhabitants, their history, and social life. Volume 2 deals with the French intervention and economic developments.


A survey from antiquity to 1947.


A general survey which makes use of materials in Chinese.


A précis designed for candidates for various colonial careers.


A historical survey from legendary times to 1880.


This brief essay is based upon Vietnamese, Chinese, and French sources.


Covers the period from Alexandre de Rhodes to 1857.

An official textbook used in the colleges of Indochina.


A general survey.


The study covers the period up to 1896.


This second edition is expanded to include the period between 1858 and 1889.


A collection of documents from various archives accompanied with notes and bibliographical references.


A brief survey of the political history from ancient to contemporary times.

**B. Ancient History to 1802.**


A translation from Chinese. A survey beginning with the Vietnamese conquest. Includes chapter on governmental organization and the mandarinate of the 18th century.


A primary source by a French Sinologist.


In the words of the author, "I think I have noted the most material passages of trade, government and customs of the country, vice and virtue of the people, at least so far as will content and satisfy a moderate mind..." Original versions at Widner Library, Harvard University and in Saigon at the General Library (Tông Thư Viện). Transl. in *Revue Indochinoise*, 1914-1915.


The author uses Chinese language sources.


A primary study of the Vietnamese penetration of the southern region.


Based upon materials in Chinese.


A biographical sketch of a primary figure.


The author was a Swiss priest who accompanied Mgr. de la Baume to Huế in 1740.

Notes on the period from 1787 to the end of the Second French Empire.


Deals with the life and career of Nguyễn Quang Thiệp, who lived during the period of the Tây Sơn and Gia Long.


A primary document on the period.


An account of the Gibson Mission, 1823.


A survey of the Lê and Nguyễn dynasties, 1428-1875. The writer was known among the French as "Pétrus Ký".


Translation from Italian of one of the first western histories of Indochina.


The author was named head of the mission in Tonkin in 1658. A primary account of the period.


Relates to trips to "Tonkin en Inde par le Yunnan et le Canton."


Deals with Fou-Nan ("en gros Cochinchine et Cambodge") during the first half of the third century. This and other works by the great French Sinologist are basic to the early history of Indochina.


Includes bibliography of Japanese works consulted.


The life and work of a major French figure in Indochina during the 18th century.

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Documents drawn from the Archives des Colonies.


A general survey with a focus on conditions in the 18th century. Vol. 2 is devoted to political and religious topics.


Vietnam is treated, 60-263.


This work was begun in the 14th century by a Vietnamese refugee in China. The translation is of a reprint of a Japanese version published in 1884. The copy is said to be incomplete and to contain errors.

C. The Nguyễn Dynasty to the French Intervention.


An investigation of the arrest by Vietnamese authorities of Mgr. José Maria Diaz, Spanish Apostolic Vicar of Tonkin.

The account of a British seaman who was captured and afterwards crossed the country on foot.


Impressions by the son of J. B. Chaigneau (Consul de France at Huê and French mandarin in the service of the Vietnamese Emperor).


Biography of a high mandarin who was active during the reign of Nguyễn Anh (Gia Long).


Translation of the original document is by Hoàng Yến.


Treats the activities of J. B. Chaigneau. Based on materials from the French Ministries of Foreign Affairs, and Marine and Colonies.


A contemporary survey of the land, people and institutions. Also includes sketch of Vietnamese history to the 19th century.

Discusses: Geography, people, government, economy, and social conditions.


The careers of two officials who served during the first half of the 19th century. Based on Chinese language sources.


Includes a chronological list of Vietnamese kings. Use of the Chinese calendar is cited as significant evidence of their dependent relationship with China.


A basic survey of the period.


An account by a member of the Crawfurd Mission. Treats Cochinchina, 304-406.


An account of the political and military life of the Emperor, with a preface by Pierre Pasquier.
A study of the life and rule of the Emperor, successor to Gia Long.

Emphasis is placed upon the introduction of western concepts and techniques.

An account by a principal authority on Emperor Gia Long.

Biography of a high mandarin born during 1748 in the village of Cai En (Đình Tương).

Deals with one of the activities of a principal French figure in Vietnam during the reign of Gia Long.

A study of the revolt of Khôi, 1832-1834.

This first volume published by the Committee for Translation of Vietnamese Historical Sources deals with the reign of Gia Long. It includes notes in English.


Observations of a United States naval officer who visited Cochinchina during 1819 and 1820.

D. The French Intervention to 1900.


An essay on the political and economic geography relating to the provinces of Bạc Ninh and Lạng Sơn, 1881-1884.


Impressions of the medical officer at the French Legation at Huế during 1879-1880. Includes useful data on leadership at the court of Emperor Tu Đức.


The political experience of the Resident of France at Huế. Includes short chapter on the mandarinal examinations.

A survey based upon western sources.


Notes and impressions.


Notes and impressions.


A study of French administrative and economic development in the southern delta area.


Notes and impressions of political and social developments.


Contains two essays based on observations made in 1889: "The Indigenous Civil Guard"; and "Pirates and their Repression."


A primary account of the initial French intervention.

A political and military history of the initial intervention.


Summary accounts of several French conquests, including that of Indochina (85-166).


Notes on the intervention, and on administrative organization.


A diary of developments during 1884-5.


Discusses the effect of the war on French administration in Vietnam.


With explanatory notes by the archivist of the Government of Cochinchina.

The life and career of Pétrus Ky.


Plates with detailed annotations.


A political, administrative, and economic survey covering the period of the French intervention.


A political, administrative, and economic survey covering the period of the French intervention.


Describes fighting between the French and Chinese at the time of the French conquest of Tonkin.


Observations by the Temps correspondent.


The flight of Ham Nghi on the arrival of the French at Huế.

Comments upon the theatre, sports, and cultural life, 1890-1894. Includes data on the mandarinal examinations.


Based upon primary documents.


Deals especially with the careers of Garnier, Rivière, and Courbet.


An account of the years immediately following the French occupation of Tonkin.


Includes useful data on political problems of the period.


An interpretation of the English experience in Burma and Hongkong by a French authority.

A review of Paul Bert's administration by his 
son-in-law. Special features of the volume in-
clude: A chapter on the recruitment of adminis-
trators; and a selection of official documents 
(319-393).

121. Cheneau, H. *Du Protectorat Français en Annam, 
Pp. 429, bibl.

History and analysis covering political and 
military developments from the origin of the 
French intervention to 1885.

122. Cho, Huan-Lai. *Les Origines du Conflit Franco-
Chinois à Propos du Tonkin Jusqu'en 1883*. Saigon, Portail, 

Makes use of Chinese as well as western sources.

123. Chuc, Phan Tran. *Vua Ham Nghi* (Emperor Ham Nghi). 

The biography includes significant data on a 
number of Vietnamese leaders.

124. Chuc, Phan Tran and Le Que. *Nguyen Tri Phuong*. 

The biography of a Vietnamese General, 1800-
1873.


A critical account of French activities by a 
special correspondent of *The Times*. 

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One of a number of essays on the international position of Vietnam during the 19th century written by a noted French Sinologist. See *T'oung-Pao* and *REO*.


Deals with the occupation of central Vietnam.


Notes and impressions of a French medical officer who arrived in Vietnam in 1885.


Emphasizes what the author considered to be strong cleavages between the Vietnamese of the northern and central regions.


Includes an analysis of the political and administrative institutions of colonial rule (177-402).


A survey and critique.

Biography of an important Vietnamese official.


A history to 1932. Includes accounts of operations against dissident groups, including the one led by Phan Đình Phung.


A detailed account of the seizure of Huê by General de Courcy.


Shows the imprint of the French intervention on the activities of the Emperor and his court.


Brief history of French conquest of Tonkin. Discusses the treaties of 1874 concerning the establishment of the protectorate system. Includes texts of political and commercial treaties concluded with Annam.


A commentary on Vietnam, and especially on Huê, in 1883-1884. Includes notes on selected provinces.

A general survey of political, economic, and social development following the French intervention.


A biography and account of Bert's work in Vietnam.


The life and work of a Minister of Colonies at the time of the French conquest.


Deals with developments during the 1860's.


This primary source on the French intervention brings together several shorter pieces by the author.


Notes on Vietnamese political and social life.


The account is based upon official French documents.
Military developments are arranged chronologically beginning with those involving Pigneau de Béhaine.


Primary source on the period 1891-1894. Includes data on administration and the recruitment of indigenous labor.


Treats political and economic activities subsequent to the French intervention.


A French official criticizes the policies of Jules Ferry.


This revised 2nd edition is chronologically arranged.


A primary account which depicts some of the inhumane aspects of the intervention.

An historical, political, and geographical description as seen in 1866-1868 by a principal figure in the conquest of Tonkin.


A biography of Emperor Hǎm Nghi.


Deals individually with the role of selected French figures. Seeks to destroy what are termed as "false legends."


Comments upon the political developments of the period.


A missionary's account of political, military, and social life in Hùng-Hoa, and neighboring provinces, 1885-1895.


A political history primarily devoted to the period 1858-1896. Includes documents and other primary source material.

Observation on geography, ethnography, and government. Includes discussion of the mandarinate and French administrative organization.


Includes materials on political and military developments, 1894-1895.


A general survey of the period.


A brief survey.


A review of political and administrative problems by the French Consul General in Huế, who had arrived there in 1865.


Biography of Đức Cộ Quán, military officer killed during the conquest of Cochinchina.

Includes lists of revolutionary leaders and activities for two periods: 1859-1917; and 1929-1945.


A review of Vietnamese revolutionary activities at home and abroad.


Observations of a French medical officer who arrived in Vietnam in 1884. Includes useful data on political and social life.


A note on the political history of the period following the French intervention by a former Regent. The volume includes the original version in Vietnamese and a French translation by Jules Roux.


Notes on Vietnamese and French inhabitants and on civil administration. Favors maintenance of French rule.


Biography of a high mandarin born in 1828.

A critical review of French activities in Indochina by a former Governor General.


Contents: Population; geography; agriculture; industry; commerce; finance; customs and political and administrative affairs.


Includes discussion of the author's work as an administrator in Tây Ninh.


Deals with the political and military aspects of the pacification of Tonkin.


A discussion of political and military life in Tonkin during 1884. Includes detailed account of the Franco-Chinese battle of Bác Lê.


Notes and documents.

Materials are arranged chronologically through the administration of Paul Bert.


Covers the period from the French intervention in 1858 to the revolution in August 1945.


An account of political and military activities.


More than half the volume is devoted to this military officer's experiences in Tonkin.


A commentary upon events relating to the conquest of Tonkin.


Includes heretofore unpublished documents.
A summary of the correspondence is included at the conclusion of the work. Includes brief biographical sketch.

A study of the transformation of Hanoi following the initial French intervention.

A history of the conquest. Presents arguments against a French withdrawal.

An account of military operations during the period 1895-1896.

Biography in Vietnamese of revolutionary figure active during the period 1886-1895.

A critical review of French activities in Tonkin.

Deals with Pasquier's career subsequent to his graduation from the École Coloniale in 1898.


A discussion of the events at first hand which includes data on the initial political and administrative organization established by the French.


A diary on the period of the French intervention. The "Pavillons Noirs" are treated on pp. 229-299.


Treats chronologically the career of a major religious figure.


A review of Luro's career in Cochinchina and of his conception of the role and function of the colonial administrator.


A political survey. Uses Vietnamese and French materials.

An account of French activities in Tourane and Saigon.


A survey of political and social conditions by a French official.


Experiences of a French soldier and administrator, about 1889-1893.


An account of the author's encounters in 1892 with resistant forces.


Diary of a journey through sixteen provinces along the Rivière Noire in Tonkin.


An appraisal of external and internal dangers to the French position during the period 1899-1905.

A review of the politics and social conditions of the period.


A commentary on the politics and social conditions of the period by a French military officer.


These letters of Lt. Reinach reflect upon his experiences as an administrator in Indochina.


A primary French military figure outlines a policy of direct control over the Southern provinces.


A political survey of the period. Includes documents.


Deals with the initial period of the French occupation.

The life and career of a principal figure in the conquest of Cochinchina.


Deals with the initial intervention.


The author makes observations on political and military developments throughout Indochina.


An account of Franco-Chinese rivalry over Tonkin.


Comments upon political and military developments up to 1874.


A short biography of a mandarin, who was Minister for War and President of the Secret Council under Emperor Tự Đức.

A report by a United States naval intelligence officer.


A chronological arrangement of extracts from his correspondence and from documents that relate to his career in Cochinchina.


This study of the intervention in Cochinchina is based upon primary sources.


Notes on Vietnamese heroes during the first years of the French intervention in Cochinchina.


The biography of a patriotic poet whose work relates to the period of the French intervention.


Biography of a Vietnamese nationalist.

The biography of a mandarin-poet.


A biography in Vietnamese of a leading mandarin at the time of the French intervention.


A survey of military, political, and administrative developments between 1858 and 1887.


An account of Phan Thanh Gian's mission to France.


This biographical account of the Empress Từ Dử, mother of Emperor Từ Dực, treats her activities at the Court of Huế, as well as her influence on Từ Dực.


Biography of a high mandarin (1796-1867) who played a key role in Cochinchina at the time of the French conquest.

A brief political history.


A revised and expanded biography of the explorer of the rivers of Indochina.


A history of the conquest and the first years of French rule in Cochinchina.

E. The Twentieth Century to World War II.


Includes notes on political developments in 1908-1909. Analyzes critically French administration and personnel.


Essays by French officials and scholars. Includes some data properly termed as administrative.

Critical notes and essays dated 1906-1912. Chapters on the École Coloniale and the École Française d'Extrême-Orient.


A general survey primarily devoted to the record of French administration. Includes bibliographical footnotes.


A biographical note dealing primarily with the period 1930-1949.


Discusses: French colonial policies; French policies in Indochina from the beginning of the 20th century to World War II; and the situation in Indochina in 1948.


A study of the origin and development of Vietnamese revolutionary activity. Particular attention is given to De Tham.


A report on government activities during his term as Governor General.

Discusses financial, monetary, and economic questions; problems of policy toward indigenous people; and the civil service.


Analyzes the political and economic consequences of the French intervention.


Discusses political problems. Insurrectional activities of 1930 attributed to the intrigues of Chinese communists and Vietnamese mandarins. Includes brief survey of Vietnamese political history.


A discussion of the Yên Bái revolt by a French sergeant.


A diary of developments from 1889 to 1923.


Notes of a French official which relate to his experiences in Vietnam during 1908-1914.
Outlines a military policy for offensive as well as defensive action.

An account of the activities of a Vietnamese resistance leader during the years immediately following the French occupation in Tonkin.

Criticizes political, economic, and social conditions of colonial rule.

Biography of a major nationalist figure of the post-World War I period.

Compares French activities in Tonkin in 1902 with those of the British in other colonial areas.

Discusses cruelties of imprisonment of political prisoners. Based upon materials gathered from former prisoners.

A critical review of the administration and the economy for 1908 and 1909.


A work on the organization and history of the guard prepared by its Inspecteur Principal. Includes useful data on Vietnamese patriotic movements and their repression.


Treats organization and history from 1886 to 1930. Includes useful data on Vietnamese patriotic movements and their repression.


An account of the resistance activities of Đế Thám.


A diary of activities in the early 1950's.


A discussion of political and economic conditions which gives special attention to rivalries among French groups.

An interpretation of the Vietnamese struggle for freedom from colonial rule.


Discusses problems relating to (1) the economic depression and (2) nationalist and communist opposition movements. Concludes that France should not abandon Indochina.


A record of Doumer's administration which includes considerable material on economic development. Among the documents reproduced are the budgets for the fiscal years 1899-1902.


A political, economic and social survey.


Describes the political and social life of both the French and Vietnamese.


A critical evaluation of French policy and administration.
A general survey with particular emphasis upon administrative organization.

An annual report on political, social and economic conditions.

A comprehensive survey with statistical data.

Treats the recruitment of soldiers and labor for service in France; political, economic, and moral problems of the war. Critical of repression and brutality of some administrators.

A biographical sketch.

Biography of Vietnamese revolutionary leader, Hoang Hoa Thám, popularly known as Đệ Thạm.