

Rebel Delegation Chief Active Leftist 29 Years

PARIS (Reuters)—Phan Van Dong, 48-year-old leader of the Indo-Chinese Communist delegation to the Geneva conference, has become a key figure in the Vietnam rebel movement only since 1949.

But for the last 29 years he has been a most active figure in Indo-China's extreme left-wing nationalist circles.

Phan Van Dong was born in Annam, of a wealthy culture-mandarin family. His father was for a time secretary to the emperor of Annam, Duy-tam.

Dong first attracted attention when, as a Hanoi law student in 1925, he helped to organize a strike to commemorate the death of an Annamite nationalist leader. Police issued a warrant for his arrest and he fled to Canton, China where he joined a small group of exiled Indo-Chinese nationalists, including Ho Chi Minh.

He remained in Canton for a year, studying at the "agitators school" formed by Ho Chi Minh there, and at the end of his course became a Communist and returned to Hanoi as a teacher in a private school.

He quickly became one of the most active Communist propagandists in Hanoi and was arrested and sentenced to six years hard labor at Poulo Condore, the island detention centre for Indo-Chinese extremists.

After his release he is believed to have spent several years in Russia, attending courses at schools for overseas Communists.

In 1936, he returned to Indo-China, and for two years helped put out a Communist French-language newspaper, Volonte Indo-Chinoise.

In 1938, threatened with arrest he fled to China with Ho Chi Minh and helped him form the Vietnam movement in 1941.

In 1943, Dong returned to Indo-China to take part in anti-Japanese guerrilla warfare in the Tonkin delta. He emerged in 1945 as a member of the "Viet Nam people's republic liberation committee" and the leader of a tiny Communist-inspired party, the "Viet Nam Dan Chu Dang" democratic popular party.

He became finance minister and secretary of state for defence in the Ho Chi Minh government set up in 1946. In June, 1946, he was president of the Viet Minh government delegation to Paris.

When the Indo-China war began in December, 1946, he went underground with Ho Chi Minh. In 1949 he was reported to have been made vice-president of the Ho Chi Minh government and president of the defence council.

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BLACKWOOD on BRIDGE

By EASLEY BLACKWOOD

Good Trump Management Requires Imagination

In many situations where the winning play for declarer is to postpone leading trumps, the necessity for that action is far from obvious. In today's deal, for example, it was completely hidden—as far as Mr. Muzzy was concerned, anyway.

The best way to avoid a trap of this kind is to pause before playing that first card from dummy and plan your play. Forget about overtricks. Concentrate on the safest method of play which will bring in enough tricks for your contract, figuring on unfavorable distribution of the opposing cards.

Look at what happened to Mr. Muzzy in this hand. Mr. Champion led the nine of diamonds, the deuce went on from the board and Mrs. Keen promptly ducked. Mr. Muzzy won with the jack and smiled happily at this favorable lead.

MUZZY OPTIMISTIC

He could see no danger. As he analyzed it, he had one club loser and either one or two spade losers. If the ace of spades were on his right, he could lead up to his king and win a trick with that card on the first or second round of the suit. He could then ruff a spade in dummy and actually make five-odd.

But to lead up to the king of spades he had to enter dummy. That was easy and he led the nine of hearts to the case. A spade was returned and the king put up. Mr. Champion won with the ace and led back a trump.

Worried now, Mr. Muzzy won on the board and led another spade.

Mr. Champion won with the ten and led the last trump off the board. Now Mr. Muzzy had to lose three spades and a club for down.

"Did you think you bid five, Muzzy?" asked Mr. Champion.

MUZZY'S MISTAKES

"Certainly not," replied Mr. Muzzy hotly. "Can I help it if the ace of spades was behind my king?"

Mr. Champion grinned wickedly. "In a word, yes," he said. "In fact, I think I can prove that you were trying to make five-odd. Tell me, what would you have led at trick two if you had held three very small spades instead of three to the king?"

"I'd have led a spade," Mr. Muzzy admitted. There'd be no

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North (Mr. Dace)			
S-9 7			
H-A Q 8			
D-7 6 2			
C-8 7 6 3			
West (Mr. Champion)			
S-A J 10 2			
H-5 4 3			
D-9 4			
C-Q 9 4 2			
East (Mrs. Keen)			
S-Q 8 5 4			
H-7 2			
D-K 10 8 5 3			
C-J 10			
South (Mr. Muzzy)			
S-K 6 3			
H-K J 10 9 6			
D-A J			
C-A K 5			
The bidding:			
South	West	North	East
1 H	Pass	2 H	Pass
4 H	All pass		

reason to use a trump to enter dummy to lead a spade up to a six spot.

"Exactly," said Mr. Champion. "With a weaker holding in spades you would have made your contract. You used a vital trump at trick two just because it's usually the correct play to lead up to a king. Good trump management requires enough imagination to see the need for an unusual play now and then."

Mallock Seeks Second Appeal

VANCOUVER (C)—A second appeal may be launched on behalf of convicted drug baron George Mallock, this time in the Supreme court of Canada.

Mallock is being held in Oakalla pending a decision on application for leave to appeal to a judge of the Supreme Court by his lawyers.

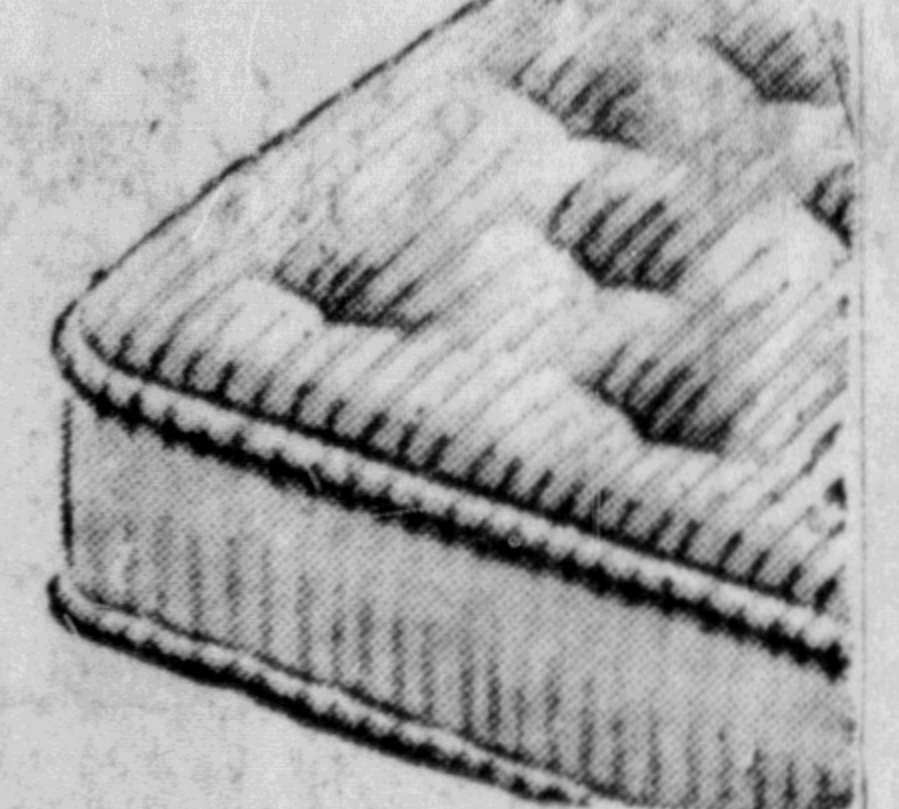
Mallock's appeal against the 28-year prison sentence imposed on him was dismissed by the B.C. Court of Appeal which confirmed the sentence.

Pamphlets Found

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OTTAWA (CP)—Living costs are resisting the impact of rising rents with lower food prices.

The yardstick for measuring food costs made its fifth consecutive monthly decline in February, dropping to a nine-month low.

And while rents and home-ownership costs rose to a new high, the consumer price index, measuring rod for living costs generally, slipped by a fifth of a point to 115.5, lowest in eight months.

The March survey of the index, based on 1949 prices equaling 100, likely will be published Wednesday.

BEEF DROPS

Pork, coffee and fruits jumped in February, but beef and fresh vegetables suffered with overbalancing drops, cutting the food sub-index by a fifth of a point to 110.7. This is the lowest since the 110.1 of April, 1953.

In contrast, the shelter column which includes rents and home ownership costs, continued its historic climb to a new high of 125.6, up a fifth of a point from the previous month and three points in a year.

RELATIVE STABILITY

The opposing moves between food and rents, in some respects, give the appearance of a period of relative stability in living costs.

The drop of a fifth of a point in the consumer price index in February compared with no change in January and a drop of a tenth of a point last December. And "there is nothing in the wind," says a federal economist, "to indicate any major shift from this period of general stability in the next few months."

Other shifts in the consumer price index during February:

The clothing sub-index eased to 109.8, as scattered decreases shaved it by a fifth of a point. Higher prices for dry-cleaning, laundry services and soaps bumped the household operations sub-group by a tenth of a point to a record 117.6.

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