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WORLD NEWS

WASHINGTON

The appointment of General Marshall, wartime Chief of Staff, as Defence Secretary in place of Louis Johnson is hailed by America where Johnson has long been out of favour. To legalise the appointment to a post limited to civilians the Armed Services Committee clears the way for special legislation.

Under Marshall, American defence plans move into top gear as the Foreign Ministers meet in full conference. Acheson of America finds support from Lester Pearson of Canada. Europe hesitates about raising a German Army, but already Bevin and the others have agreed to speed and enlarge defence plans.

INDO CHINA

In the Far East, France continues her pressure against Red Viet-Minh elements as border news indicates that Indo-China may be next on the list for invasion.

A strong French force lands in a province left alone by France since 1947. In this wild country small groups of rebels can build strong points to link with invaders from the North, where Armies of Red China are reported. As they penetrate the jungle the force runs into an ambush.

The Reds are surrounded and captured one by one in their fox-holes. The ceaseless war France carries on in Indo-China is every bit as tough as our problem in Malaya and just as vital in the struggle against Communism in the Far East. They may look a feeble enemy but we've learned different in Korea. With their capture one more trouble spot is destroyed. Our problem in Malaya could become doubly tough, were France to relax her watch.