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Lao-kay, key fort and last French stronghold on the Chinese border prepares as rebel forces mass for the attack. Bamboo barriers are built. Their razor-sharp points and edges make them harder to tackle than wire in night raids. And on the old walls look-outs keep constant watch. France held the border with isolated forts in rebel territory. Lao-kay is the last to hold out.

Monsieur Letourneau, French Colonial Minister, makes a first-hand check as he helps to plan the colony's defences, but these pictures show how starved for modern equipment the men are. Fighting desperately the garrison shells the pass to stop the invaders streaming through from China where they trained, whilst old German bombers drop their meagre loads. Now, cut off from supplies, the garrison's compelled to evacuate and fight its way out; and another Chinese thrust makes progress. Into Korea, Tibet and Indo-China she reaches and the free world wonders What next!