

ACTION IN INDO-CHINA

Forty miles from the threatened town of Hanoi, where the French are confined to the delta of the Red river, three paratroop battalions land to destroy strong-points built by rebels in 'no man's land.' Chinese-trained rebel troops, 20-battalions-strong, infiltrated over a large area ahead of the main forces. Not far from here there's a jungle fort. The attack begins.

It may seem a lot of power to clean up a bunch of rebels, but this is a real strong-point. Under cover of the guns, the paratroopers round up three-thousand prisoners. In a 12-days expedition, the total force of nine battalions freed 100 villages and upset Red plans for an early attack on Hanoi.