

THE LESSON OF HISTORY

History has many lessons to teach us and if we are prepared to study and learn from such experiences of the past, they can be a useful guide.

In times of great stress, hardship and struggle, the weak generally run into hiding and the opportunists seek all sorts of excuses to justify their rejection of struggle. This has happened with the greatest of consistence throughout history. All the struggles of peoples and countries for jus-

adherence to principle created men that France could forever be proud of. They did not take the easy path; theirs was a hard and dangerous job. But, history has this relation to story books — justice in the end wins out.

Take Vietnam today. These

the will of a people to win justice.

Here in B. G. we have our weaklings; we have our share of those who take the easy path; we have those who think the struggle is lost because it looks difficult at the moment.

We have those who disrupt the struggle. We have seen a few

and has puppets doing its dirty work, it does not mean that it can triumph. History teaches us that changes are inevitable and changes can only take place by the will of the people for these changes.

The will exists and is growing, all through the Western Hemisphere. The weak will drop from the struggle. The strong will maintain the struggle, and they will win.

Tom Paine, who fought the British in the American Revolution, said "Tyranny, like hell, is not easily conquered". This is true. The struggle to conquer tyranny, whether it be the despots of olden days or the modern despot wearing the new garbs of imperialism, is not easily won. But it is won and whether the struggle be long or short, it has an inevitable conclusion.

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lice have been marked by the sharp contrast between the stalwarts who stood fast and firm and the weaklings who ran away.

A good example is that of France during the second World War. France was occupied by the Nazis, the most renown tyrants and oppressors the world has seen. Two groups of people came out of this occupation — the puppets or collaborators and the resistance.

The collaborators worked WITH the Nazis; they helped run the government, kept supplies going, repaired the machines and did all the necessary work to keep the Nazis in power. Even women became collaborators and entertained the Nazis, etc. The resistance on the other hand worked to rid their nation of the oppressors. They risked their lives to save their nation.

In the end, the work of the resistance bore fruit. Their

tiny people are fighting one of the strongest military operations in the world and they will win. Their President, Ho Chi Minh, said last week that the struggle will go on if it

takes a week, a month, a year, five years, or ten years. They are confident of final victory. Their confidence is not a myth. It is based on a confidence in

already jumping off and no doubt more will do so. This is based not only on cowardice, but on a lack of faith in the strength of the masses.

Imperialism is a strong foe. Imperialism has grown strong in our area, in fact, in all of the Western Hemisphere. But because imperialism is strong

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