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## From the Saigon Beat—

# Dead Watched To Trap Living

Indo-Chinese Religion Keeps People Close to Ancestors



By FRED SPARKS, Times Foreign Correspondent

SAIGON, Indo-China, Oct. 2—Noted in a land where a good water buffalo is worth at least two women:

Moving day. If you are Indo-Chinese you must bury papa and mama in the front yard—next to grandpapa and Grandmama. And you must never move far away—the deceased relatives would be furious.

This religious habit is one reason why locals aren't good customers of renting agencies. And it is a blessing for the French in their current war against Communist rebels.

If they're looking for a missing troublemaker they merely keep a private eye glued on his ancestor. Sooner or later Mr. Bothersome will come back.

A STRANGE WAR. Private hus companies—even though per-

sonally loyal to the government—run through Communist-held areas. How come? Simple: They pay off the capitalist-minded Marxists. Business comes before politics in the Orient.

SAIGON is a city where it is quite all right to take off your shoes and scratch your toes at the swankiest native tea... You don't even look out the window when you hear gunfire. It's that common since the Red

revolt... Birds are encouraged to build their nests in your chandelier (good luck!)... Brass bands precede funeral hearses through the streets... the departing citizen waits everybody to know he's checking out of this world...

FOUR THINGS I like about Saigon: Your wardrobe can be limited to a few pairs of linen shorts and open-collar shirts. Most males would just as soon wear a hangman's noose as a necktie... Stone floors, sensibly cool in this equatorial sweat-box...

The custom of going for a swim in the many swank pools during lunchtime... Hardly any telephone to jangle your nerves. When you want to tell a man something you pen a note and dispatch it by fast boy.

FOUR THINGS I hate about Saigon: The impossibility of taking a hot bath. Hotel washrooms have one faucet—cold. The terrible looks you get from the coolies in the streets. They despise every white man; no questions asked. The curfew from 1 a.m. to dawn. Take a stroll during that period and you can be plugged on sight. The fear so many locals have of talking to Yanks. They'd get their names in the Commies terror book.

of milky green pernot at a sidewalk cafe...

GAMBLING is dangerous. The happy world, a Chinese-run roulette den, has not played sufficient ball to satisfy the Communist terrorist's tax collector... Four grenades have been slung at the unhappy world. Including one right smack onto the Roulette table which somewhat killed a fistful of gamblers. But, strange town, the joint was packed when I went there the other night.

OVERHEAD in Saigon. "French troops stationed on the Chinese border are condemned to victory. If the Chinese invade they'll either win—or perish in their forts."—He's got his money deposited in Argentina, Switzerland and Sweden. With the Atomic bomb, he no longer trusts America.—"You can now sell a machine gun in Saigon for 1000 dollars, America." "How can I tell my father in Paris that I intend to marry an Indo-Chinese girl? He'd never understand." Copyright 1949 by The Indianapolis Times and the Chicago Daily News, Inc.

FEMININE NAMES Weather men often call typhoons and hurricanes by feminine names, such as "Gloria" and "Gloria." to identify and follow these fearful storms of the west Pacific and Atlantic.

TRAVEL TOPIC: The other day, journeying by jeep, I came to a river not 40 miles outside this town. I drove the jeep onto a shaky raft. One naked boy took a stout rope, swam across the drink. On the other side a small army of men, women and children pulled the rope until we were tugged over. The human ferry!

STREET SCENE: An old woman with a crew haircut... The custom for aging ladies... A coolie picking a splinter out of another coolie's bare foot with a hatpin... Two ladies-of-the-evening, imported from Morocco for the native troops fighting with the French, anking by in silken loose gowns... An American Marine having a pantomime conversation with a French Foreign Legionnaire over two glasses

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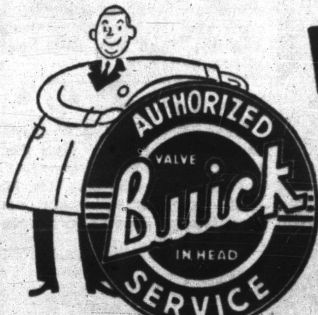
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