

**Hist 104, Lecture 21:
Cold War & Decolonization: Remapping the World**

0. Keywords

United Nations, NATO, Warsaw Pact, Ho Chi Minh (1890-1969),
March Accords (1946), Adm. Thierry d'Argenlieu, Dien Bien Phu, Gen. Vo
Nguyen Giap, Geneva Accords (1956), South East Asia Treaty Organization
(SEATO)

1. Defining the Cold War

2. Where the Cold War Was Hot: Decolonized States

**3. The Struggle for Vietnamese Independence, 1941-1956:
A Study in Decolonization**

- a. WWII in Southeast Asia
 - i. The Collapse of French and Japanese Imperialism
 - ii. The Vietminh and Momentary Independence
 - iii. Becoming Ho: The Making of a Communist Pariah
- b. The Tragedy of American Diplomacy
 - i. FDR's View of Postwar SE Asia
 - ii. Truman, Potsdam, and Indochina
 - iii. The Descent into Colonial Warfare
- c. Deux, Dien Bien Phu, then Adieu!
 - i. Western Post-war Interests: Franco-American Relations and Vietnam, 1945-1954
 - ii. The Fall of Dien Bien Phu (May 7, 1954)
 - iii. The Geneva Accords
 - iv. A Final Word: Passing the Imperial Standard