

10-Year Viet Nam War?

LONDON (UPI) — A report published here said Tuesday that, even with American assistance, it may take "at least another 10 years" to defeat Communist Viet Cong guerrillas in South Viet Nam.

The Indonesian guerrilla war against Malaysia also could drag on for a similar period, the study published in the institute's current magazine, "The World Today," said.

The assessment suggested that in the absence of a strong movement for regional co-operation in Southeast Asia, continued western presence remains necessary.

Neither the South Vietnamese nor the Malaysian governments possess the re-

sources to sustain such struggles unaided for years on end.

If the United States and Britain were to withdraw from a front line role in those countries and become merely residual guarantors of a native defense system, comparable military assistance to South Viet Nam and Malaysia must be forthcom-

ing from the other powers in the region, the study said.

But the report said it was unlikely that Asian countries, unless directly attacked, would involve themselves militarily in South Viet Nam and Malaysia.

The estimate of the likely 10-year period of guerrilla warfare in South Viet Nam and Malaysia is based on past experience. It took nearly 10 years to put down the threat of the Huk revolt in the Philippines and the Malayan emergency lasted from 1948 until 1960.