

Attn Ennex UPI Special for Gandy by Beverly Deepe Plei Me, South Vietnam, October 30 1960 (UPIS) American Special Forces officers at this battle-weary camp disclosed this week that they have recently been picking up radio transmissions broadcast in the Russian language.

Seventy Five Plei Me is situated twenty miles from the Cambodian border and miles from the southern tip of Laos.

In addition, the nine-day battle for Plei Me added more unconfirmed evidence, but no positive ~~is~~ proof, to the multitudes of previous reports alleging that ~~an~~ Chinese Communist military personnel are currently operating in South Vietnam.

"We have been picking up Russian broadcasting on our ~~FFMDDM~~ (ground) radios," explained one American officer who ~~is~~ said he had studied the Russian language for three months.

"I've ~~personally~~ personally heard the word 'Traversch', which means 'Comrade', ~~is~~ (please check spelling) he continued. "Then the rest of the conversation continues in Russian. The sentences fade in and out and we only pick up a sentence or two each time.

"I've heard it during the two weeks I've been in this camp," he said. "And the other Americans who have ~~is~~ been here longer heard it before that." moredeepe

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He said the radios in this Special Forces camp would be able to pick up transmissions as far away as ~~Caomb~~ Cambodia.

The officer also said that before the nine-day Communist siege of the camp, which began on October 19, American personnel ~~at~~ here ~~had~~ had received numerous reports that ~~Chicom~~ Chinese Communist military personnel were operating in the vicinity. ~~There~~ A flurry of unconfirmed reports about the presence of Chinese Communist military advisors also erupted earlier this ~~is~~ year following a ~~large~~ large-scale Communist attack in Binh Gia, ~~thirty~~ thirty miles from Saigon.

The additional information, which is still highly disputed, about the presence of Chinese Communist ~~off~~ men Communists involved in the Plei Me battle is based on these three points:

1. An American sergeant, plus Vietnamese officers, said they identified a dead Chinese Communist. "The sergeant thought the dead ~~Chinese~~ soldier, who was strung up on a pole to be carried away, was Chinese because he was taller than a Vietnamese, about six foot tall, and because he wore a distinctive belt around his waist plus one across one shoulder," explained an American officer who had been on the patrol.

This is the first instance ~~made~~ made public in which an American claimed he saw a Chinese soldier with the Vietnamese Communists.

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Other sources said they doubted an American could positively identify a dead Chinese Communist, or that the dead soldier could have been a <sup>mountain</sup> tribal tribesman from North Vietnam, or a Vietnamese citizen born in ~~the~~ Cholon, the Chinese-populated ~~two~~ twin-city of Saigon. Other <sup>WESTERN</sup> ~~Western~~ military sources said the Chinese Communist uniforms no longer include the described type of belt.

2. One patrol of Vietnamese and Montagnard tribesmen, which walked through the Communist-controlled <sup>area</sup> controlled during the battle, reported to American officers that they heard "a Chinese Communist officer raising hell and chewing out the Viet Cong (Communist) commander," according to <sup>an</sup> the American officer.

3. ~~xxxxxx~~ One American pilot during the battle said he heard radio transmissions broadcast in "a high-pitched sing-song" language that was neither Vietnamese nor tribal Montagnard. Also, Vietnamese officers in the ~~17~~ Twenty ~~Two~~ Second Ranger Battalion, which reinforced the camp during the battle, reported hearing Chinese radio transmissions on <sup>H.R.R.</sup> the radios.

One Western diplomatic source explained, "~~It is still too~~  
"The evidence is still too fragile to say whether or not there are Chinese Communists operating in South Vietnam. Until they capture a prisoner, <sup>discount</sup> I'll ~~discount~~ these reports."