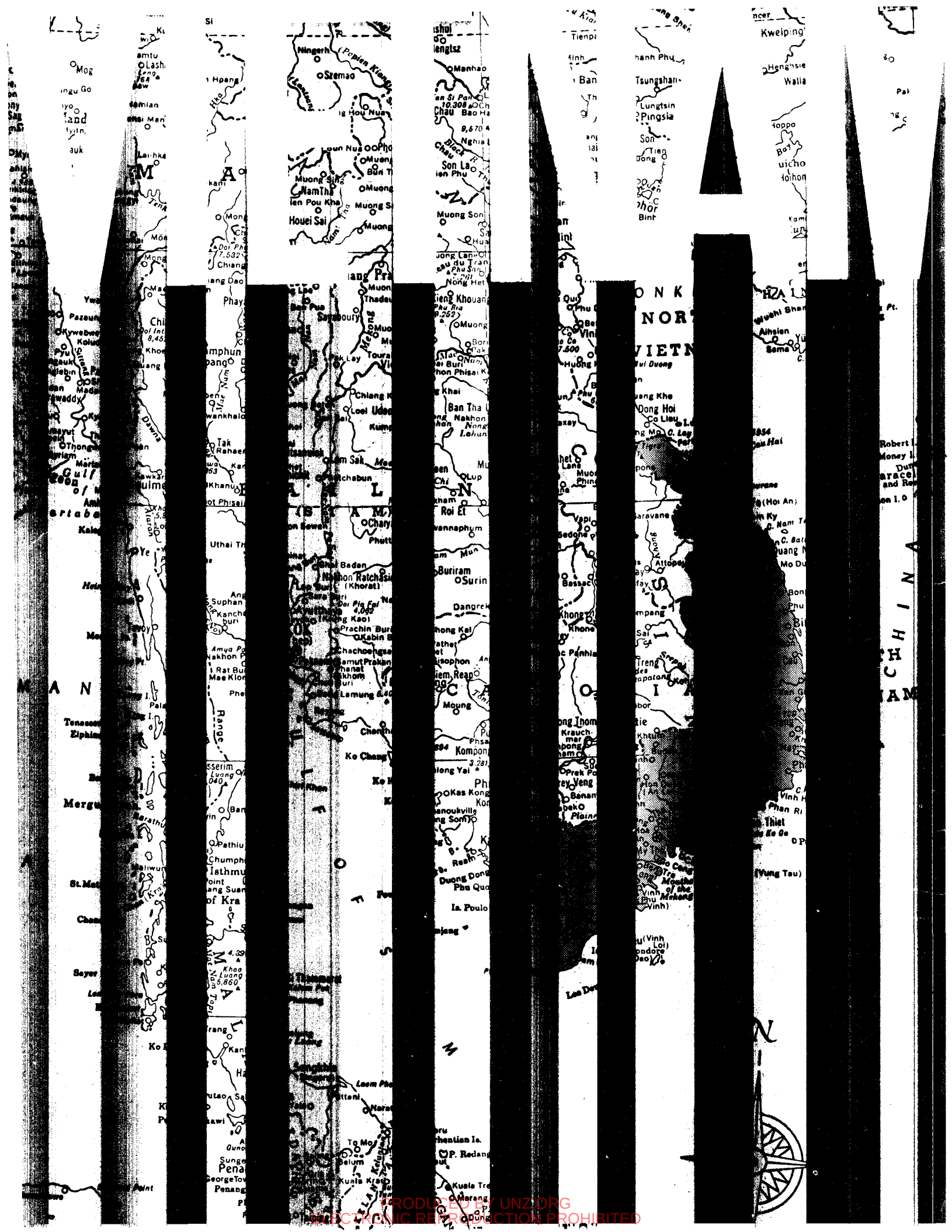




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I think that if there is a basic fault with our Asian policy, it might well be our failure to confine it to the practical limits of our power. We conquered the Pacific in the Second World War. Afterwards, the Pacific was a very broad shield protecting the United States against hostile encroachment. Had we established, as our westernmost rampart, the island chain which rims the Asian continent, and had we made it clear that we were prepared to meet -- with our military force -- any hostile penetration of the Pacific, we would have established a boundary line fully within our military power to maintain. The United States is essentially a naval and aerial power, and there is no way for landlocked forces of Asia to drive us from the Pacific. The elephant cannot be driven from the sea nor the eagle from the sky. But it is also true that neither the whale nor the eagle can drive the elephant from his jungle. I think therefore to establish such an island rampart conforming to the character of our military power has been **PRODUCED BY UNZ.ORG** **ELECTRONIC REPRODUCTION PROHIBITED** some of the difficulties