

WILFRED BURCHETT

Burchett, whose writings on the Vietnam War for the Guardian weekly (for which he still writes exclusively in North America) have had a profound effect on the development of the antiwar movement in this country, has never before spoken on a U.S. lecture tour although his written words have had an audience here of hundreds of thousands and tens of millions around the world.

An Australian, Burchett began his journalistic career during the 1930s covering the China-Japanese war for such authoritative publications as the London Times. He was the first Western journalist in Hiroshima after the A-bomb attack; he was stationed in North Korea throughout much of the Korean war (causing the Australian government to deny him a passport for two decades); he met Ho Chi Minh during the battle of Dien Bien Phu; was stationed subsequently in the USSR, Cambodia, Algeria and in many other countries until the early 1960s, when he was the first journalist to report from the liberated zones of South Vietnam. (In hundreds of articles and several books, he predicted the precise outcome of the Vietnam War almost 15 years before the U.S. was forced to withdraw).

In more recent years, Burchett has reported from China (about which he recently published another book), reunified Vietnam (the subject of his most recent book, "Grasshoppers and Elephants"), Portugal, the Middle East, Mozambique, Angola, Japan, North Korea and Laos. Due to his recent in-depth reporting from southern Africa, he is specially prepared to discuss that region.

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