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longer so sure of our path, no longer confident that we had the answers to all the important questions.

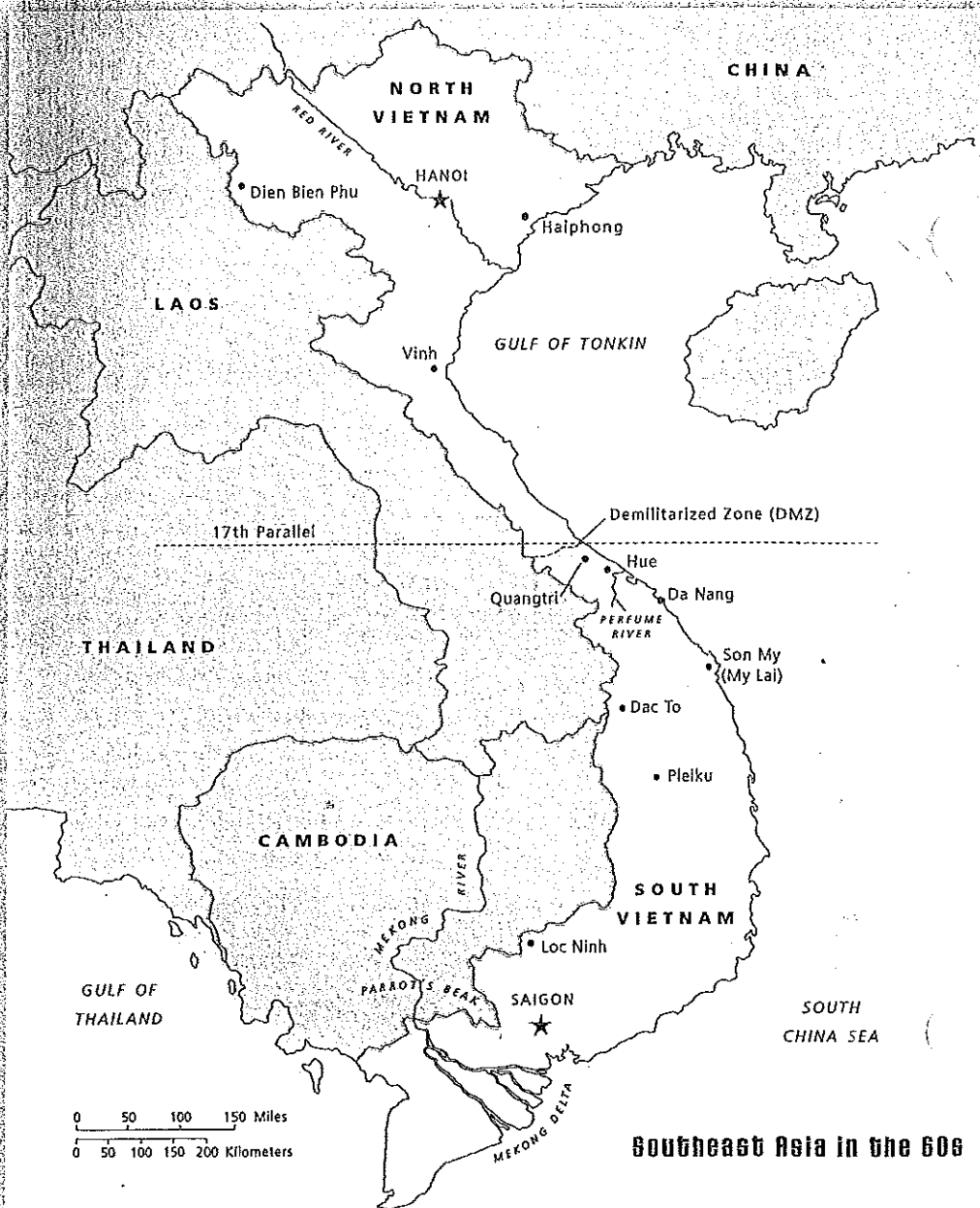
The war had come close to tearing the nation apart. The American public no longer trusted its government. The armed forces of the nation had become demoralized and fragmented. The soul and conscience of the nation had been deeply wounded. And more than 57,000 men had sacrificed their lives in what is now thought to be a dubious crusade.

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munists in Vietnam up to 1975. The endurance of soldier and the United States, its allies, both Vietnam called the end of the endurance and the other wars have not. It is just beginning to be explored, The American experience in Vietnam about modern American Kennedy was laying the foundation in the early 1960s, the loss of self-confidence. We were the belief among the nation's leaders that only the political and military could give us the moral authority to do so. The humiliating evacuation of Saigon, the city to the communists, shocked us. America was an ally in the early 1960s. We were no



Southeast Asia in the 60s