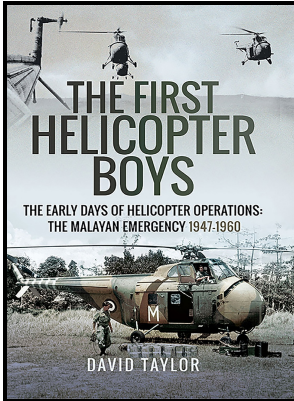# Jungle war in Malaya - the campaign against communism 1948-60.

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Briggs recommended that the new high commissioner assume the duties of the director of operations in addition to his executive responsibilities. Their leadership was Chinese, and they never managed to win significant support from other ethnic groups, who were not enthused by the prospect of swapping British rule for Chinese. Off-duty, the Rhodesians became the best of friends with the black Fijians, making nonsense of some claims that the Rhodesians in Malaya were a shade too colour conscious.

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Furthermore, some Malays were also inspired by the communist cause, such as and. The police were tasked with law and order and population security, while the military sought out the MRLA in the jungle.

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Chemical agents were used by the British in Malaya for similar purposes as agent orange in Vietnam.

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The MNLA attacked these industries in the hopes of bankrupting the British and winning independence by making the colonial administration too expensive to maintain.

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The long-term proposition focused on securing the populace, decreasing Min Yuen activity, and ultimately eliminating the guerrillas from south to north, one district at a time.

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