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INDO-CHINA - THE AFTERMATH.

As the guns are silenced throughout Indo-China, the exchange of prisoners-of-war begins. Under protection of the Red Cross, French and Viet Nam troops (many captured at Dien Bien Phu) are taken aboard ships of the French navy. After their 56 day siege in the fortress, these men were taken prisoner and forced to walk for weeks to camps in the North. The troops, most of whom serve with the Foreign Legion, are all in very poor health.

The first exchange involved 100 men from each side. These are Viet Minh. They exchange their clothes with their former enemies, following an ancient custom. But for the civilian population, the misery is not yet over. Thousands who fled their homes have nowhere to live, but social workers have been organized in the towns to keep them fed. Helpings are meagre, but no child goes without its milk every day.

The plight of the thousands of refugees is a major problem. The war has ended, but its victims still suffer.

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