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POWs liberated in Indochina
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I- POWs exchange in Indochina

Northern Viet Minh troops

On July 18th, 100 prisoners of war ~~from the Viet Minh~~ were loaded on board a Navy ship and on the next day delivered to a delegation of their own forces under command of Commandant Thai-TUg on the Hai Thon beach, in the neighbourhood of the former seaside resort of SAN SON.

The Navy ship was under command of Capt. BARDET who had taken up negotiations with the Viet Minh forces in view of this exchange of prisoners. Cheers greeted the POWs who immediately, following a custom of Indochina, exchanged their clothes. Numerous inhabitants of the surrounding villages had come to have a look...

In exchange, 100 Franco-Vietnamese prisoners of war, in a very poor state of health but able to walk. Most of these men, extraordinarily thin and lined up show the state of prisoners still detained in camps by the Viet Minh. Most of them, of the foreign legion, had taken part in the Dien-Bien-Phu battle, and after 56 days of terrible fighting had to walk for weeks to northern camps.

Immediately taken on board the Navy ship, they received care from Doctor Robert and Captain BARDET was ~~much~~ deeply moved by their appearance. The men seemed fascinated by any food or drink offered them. All the crewmen of the ship helped night and day in comforting the men who had suffered so much, and the ship arrived in Haiphong on July 18th.

2. FRENCH ORGANIZE SOCIAL HELP SERVICE TO CIVILIAN VIETNAMESE REFUGEES

Under orders of Madame DANJOU, the Military headquarters organized a Social welfare service to help Vietnamese civilian refugees coming to town from evacuated areas. As soon as they arrive whole families are taken in charge, and daily receive food, rice, dried fish, sugar, oil etc... all the food coming from the French army stores is free. For children distributions of milk are made every day.

Thanks to the work and care of French Social helps, hundreds of families have thus found a friendly and much appreciate help in their sorrows.

3. Operations in evacuation of Red River Delta.

As a protection in the East of Mount Hawk (Epervier), operations are launched by night to slean a village of Viet-Minh, napalm bombs and machine guns are in action while Bearcat planes straffe Viet Minh forces.

15 Km. south of TUY-HOA, the small outpost of LY-GO was evacuated and safely took their equipment with them.

Some villages infested by Viet Minh forces had to be under gun fire, then troops load their arms, ammunition and equipment on trucks in evacuation in the frame of Military plans. A boat-bridge is also entirely dismantled and elements taken away with retreating forces.

4. DEMONSTRATION FOR PEACE in HANOI

In Hanoi about 5000 persons, Vietnamese men and women held a meeting on the Place du Theatre in H demonstration in favor of peace in Indochina, and a protest against slicing of Vietnam. After cheering several speakers, demonstrators marched passed in silence in the principal streets of the town. All shops were closed. There were no disorders.