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VIETS TAKE OVER HAIPHONG
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Viet Minh Troops moved into Haiphong driving into Russian made trucks, while the last french troops were still evacuating the best naval base in Indochina/

Withdrawing before the exultant Communist-led forces were small detachments of French Troops who at dawn for the last time saluted the Tricolor on the city's citadel where shortly afterwards flew the Viet Minh flag.

French orders had kept the population indoor in the last hours, because several demonstrations had taken place in the past days, rapidly dispersed by police forces. But immediately after withdrawal of French troops, Red flags appeared all over the city while signs on pro French and french shops and buildings were hastily removed and repainted.

Juste before the French left Haiphong, General COGNY with vietNamian General VANUXEN reviewed the Foreign Legion detachments for the last time, and visited the historic French cimetary of Haiphong. Troops honored the dead of the Tonkin Campaigns, and the body of one Uncknown French soldier was taken and loaded on board one of the last French ships in the harbor to be taken back to France where it will lay with World Wars I and II soldiers in Paris shrine.

Picture shows : French troops withdrawing
furniture loaded on Cycle-pousse are taken away by
evacuating inhabitants
Haiphong deserted streets
On Joan of Arch Commemoration day a military ceremony
General COGNY reviews the troops after saluting the flag.
French patrol in the town's streets
Arrival of Viet Minh first troops
Shop paintings are changed
Last review of Foreign Legion
Visiting the French Cimetary are Generals COGNY and
VANUXEN, body of an Uncknown French soldier is removed
and loaded on board a French ship
troops and equipment loaded on board ships
deserted harbor and shots of the Baie d'Along
demonstrations in the last few days of French presence
in Haiphong.